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*Tak tent to cannie coonsel,  
An' to guid advisins as weel,  
Whand'er ye get a glisk o' them ;  
An' certes ! as ye growe the aulder,  
Ye'll aye growe the wyser.*

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## FOREWORD.

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THE suggestion for the preparation of this volume emanated from the publisher of it, accompanied by an expression of surprise, that none of those, who had previously provided Scots renderings of Bible books, had been induced to undertake similar work in regard to the Book of Proverbs, since the genius of the Scottish language supplied an eminently fitting medium for the reutterance of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament.

In the contents of the following pages, I have endeavoured to meet the publisher's desideratum, and to answer his expectation ; and readers, who are interested in the speech beloved of our fathers, will judge for themselves, whether the pithiness of the Scots diction, and the expressiveness of the Scots idiom, present to their minds, in this form, the Wyse-sayin's o' Solomon with any freshness of appeal.

In preparing the rendering contained in this volume, I have generally followed the text of the Revised Version throughout ; and this will account for the variations in reading, where the sense of the passage seems to differ from what may be more familiar to the ear in the Authorised Version.

As to the literary setting of the book, I have been largely guided by the arrangement which Professor Moulton pursues in "The Modern Reader's Bible" (Macmillan & Co.), and in that connection I desire to express the measure of my indebtedness.

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# THE PROVERBS.

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## CHAPTER I.

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Verse 1.

THE WYSE-SAYINS O' SOLOMON,  
THE SON O' DAUID, KING O' ISRAEL.



## CHAPTER I.

*Anent the airtin o' the hale book.*

Verses 2-6.

To ken what's wyse an' what's guid guidin;  
 To hae an inklin intil the words o' guid understaun'in;  
 To get advisins intil the cannie dailins o' life,  
 Intil richteousness, an' jidgment, an' even-doon weys;  
 To gie pith to the feckless;  
 To the growin laddie richt-kennin an' discreetness;  
 That the man o' mense may speel the heicher,  
 An' that ony body wi' a pickle sense  
 May be better kent, e'en yet,  
 For his gleg, straucht-gaun coonsel:

To ken for yer ainsel a wyse-sayin,  
 An' to grup what may be the ettlin o't,  
 Ye hae afore ye THE WORDS O' THE WYSE,  
 An' their AULD SAWS,  
 Weel-worth an eident sairch.

CHAPTER I.

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*The saicret at the tap o' a',—*  
*THE FEAR O' THE LORD.*

Verse 7.

THE FEAR O' THE LORD—

Begin wi' that;

That's the in-comin o' a' richt-kennins:

But sic-like as hae nae sense ava

Mak licht o' what's wyse,

An' ocht that airts to guid guidin.

CHAPTER I.

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*Eftir the fear o' the Lord,  
the saicret o' life's 'tween yersel an' yer  
FAITHER an' MITHER.*

## Verses 8-9.

My laddie, herken to the advisins  
O' yer faither,  
An' dinna mislippen the biddens  
O' yer mither;  
For they'll e'en be like a bonnie croon  
On the heid o' ye,  
An' braw buskin o' chains  
About the neck o' ye.

## CHAPTER I.

*A faither's coonsel to his callan.*

Verses 10-19.

My laddie, gin sinners wad wise ye awa,  
Hae nocht to dae wi' ane o' them.

Gin they nicht be sayin t'ye,—

*“ Hey, my lad! Yoke wi' oorsels;  
Lat us be snowkin thegither for blude;  
Lat us slink about, in hiddlins, eftir the hairmless;  
Lat us swallow them ootricht,  
As the very grave itsel wad dae't;  
Ay! clean oot o' sicht,  
As tho' they had a' ploppit ower  
Intil some gaipin black moss-hag:*

*“ Eh! but we'll mak a gausie scan o't;  
We'll pang oor hooses ju' o' the gettins:  
Tak pot-luck wi' us, my lad,  
Gang share-an'-share alike,  
Jist ae muckle wallet 'mang us a'.”*

CHAPTER I.

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My laddie, for ony sake, I'm sayin,  
Cleek nane wi' the sornin loons;  
Haud aff their gate;  
They're ettlin on naething but wrang,  
An' maybe—wha kens!—the skailin o' blude  
Afore a's dune.

It's a gey gawkie bird, is yon same ane,  
That haps straucht alang to be trappit  
In some kenspeckle girn,  
Loopit up an' laid oot,  
In the sicht o' its goupin een.

An' sic-like as I'm tellin ye o', enoo,  
Are fanklin an' girnin themsels:  
They're no thinkin this o't, I wat,  
Still-an'-on it's the truth:  
It's themsels an' their weal,  
Wi' their snowkin an' slinkin about,  
That, belyve, they'll be whummilin ower.

That's the fac': that's the ootcome to a'  
Wha troke wi' the glaumin o' greed;  
An' ye'se see't for yersel: their ain lives it'll be,  
That they'll taiver an' smoor in the lang-run.

## CHAPTER I.

*Wisdom crackin wi' the fulish.*

Verses 20-33.

WISDOM cries oot on the causey,  
Athort the braid haudens o' men;  
She's thrang ower-by at the merkets,  
An' oot an' in by the entries,  
An' a' through the toon,  
She's cryin, an' sayin:—

*“Hoo lang, ye saft, feckless craiturs,  
Are ye gaun to be sae thowless—  
Geckin at what's guid,  
An', like the jules ye are,  
Haudin aff frae richt-kennins?”*

*“Swee yersels roun', whan ye hear my reprüif.*

*“Tak tent! For I'm fain to gie ye my speerit,  
An' mak my words weel-kent to ilk ane o' ye.*

*“Ower an' ower again I've hoyit an' cry't,  
But ye've a' been dour an' deif-luggit;  
I've rax't oot my haun,  
But ye jash't yersels nane;  
The coonsel I spak, ye hae slichtit,  
An' wadna hear ocht o' advisins.*

## CHAPTER I.

*“ But bide awee!  
 I’ll hae the lauch  
 In the day that ye’re trauch’t;  
 I’ll geck at you,  
 Whan ye’re chitt’rin wi’ dreid;  
 Whan on comes yer fricht  
 Like a blashin spate;  
 Whan doon comes yer skaith  
 Like a swirlin blast;  
 Whan dule an’ wae ye maun dree.”*

Nae doobt, they’ll speir for me then;  
 But I’ll answer them nane:  
 Seekin me then they wad be;  
 But fin’ me they’ll no.

For didna they haud aff richt-kennins?  
 They waled-na the fear o’ the Lord;  
 Ay! they’d herken to nae advisins;  
 They slichtit a’ my repruif.

An’ sae, they maun dree their ain weird,  
 An’ be chokit wi’ their ain ill-daeins,  
 Slippin back, an’ gaun doon in their fecklessness,  
 An’, like the fules, I tell ye, they are,  
 They’ll be smoored ’neth the routh o’ their ain  
 fulishness.

But, whae’er wad herken weel to mysel,  
 A braw an’ a couthie hauden he’ll hae;  
 In a lown, lown howff he’ll be happit ower  
 Wi’ nae dreid o’ ill ava.

## CHAPTER II.

*Wisdom can redd the road frae a' mainer o' ills.*

## Verses 1-4.

My laddie, gin ye'll herken to what I tell ye,  
An' think muckle o' my commauns;  
Gin ye'll gie tentie lug to the ca' o' wisdom,  
An' ettle yer hairt to guid understaun'in;  
'Deed, gin ye grein for richt insicht,  
An' mak a wark aboot gettin an' inklin o't;  
Gin ye'll grup at hersel as at siller,  
An' howk for her as for a pat o' gowd  
Laid awa in some bit hidie-hole:

## Verses 5-8.

Then, I'se warrant, ye'll staun in the fear o' the Lord,  
An' fin' for yersel the richt-kennin o' God:  
For it's the Lord Himsel that gies wisdom;  
Knowledge an' understaun'in are His ain hansel:  
He lays-by guid guidin for a' the upricht;  
He's nane less than a shield to sic-like as are leal;  
For weel He wad waird His ain warks for the true,  
An' uphaud, oot-through a', ilka ane o' His saunts.



## CHAPTER II.

## Verses 9-11.

Then, I'se warrant, that fine ye'll be fettl't,—  
 Fettl't for ocht that airts by the richt,  
 Fettl't for even-doon dailins wi' a',  
 'Deed, ilka guid gate ye'll be kennin;  
 For wisdom, in-ower to yer hairt, 'll gang ben,  
 An' knowledge ye'se walcome deep doon in yer saul;  
 Discreetness 'll fen' ye frae ill,  
 An' guid understaun'in 'll kep ye fu' brawlic.

## Verses 12-15.

To redd ye frae airts that are wrang,  
 Frae folk wi' the ill-scraipit tongues,  
 Wha sklent awa frae the richt,  
 An' gang doon whaur the mirk lies thick;  
 Wha are gleg at the daein o' ill,  
 An' swick ower the warst they can wale;  
 Whas weys are as crookit as can be,  
 An' their gangins a' clean gane agley.

## Verses 16-19.

To redd ye frae the ill-deedie wumman,  
 Frae the fremit craitur, wha fraises wi' her tongue;  
 Wha gangs-back-on the frien' o' her young days,  
 An' cuists aff her the tryst o' her God:  
 For her hoose, lat me tell ye, sklents daith-ward,  
 An' her fit-pads airt doon to the deid:  
 No ane 'll come back that taks *her* gate,  
 No ane o' them a' has a chance ava  
 O' the brawest gliff o' life.

CHAPTER II.

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Verses 20-22.

An' a' this, my ain laddie,  
That ye may gang forrit wi' sic-like as are guid,  
An' haud on by the gate o' the richteous;  
For the upright 'll keep their haudens siccar,  
Ay! the upright 'll never be steer't;  
But the wicked 'll be sneddit clean aff,  
An' the warkers o' deceiverie 'll be rutit oot—  
They'll be rutit oot a'thegither.

## CHAPTER III.

*The Commauns o' Wisdom:  
An' the braw oot-come, gin they're keepit.*

## Verses 1-10.

My laddie, dinna forget my biddens;  
But haud my commauns in yer hairt:  
For mony braw days, 'deed, braw years o' life,  
An' lownness, wull they eik to yersel.

Dinna mislippen mercy an' truth;  
Bin' them about the neck o' ye;  
See till't, that they're scriven upon yer hairt;  
An' ye'se get guid-wull, an' nae sma' respeck  
In the sicht baith o' God an' man.

Tryst yersel to the Lord wi' a' yer hairt;  
Dinna lippen overlie to yer ain understaun'in:  
Ilka gate ye wad tak, gie thocht to Him,  
An' He'll airt yer gangins fu' brawlie.

Dinna be thinkin ocht muckle o' yersel;  
Hae the fear o' the Lord,  
An' haud yont frae the wrang:  
That'll be the very health o' ye,  
An' marrow till yer banes.

## CHAPTER III.

Oot o' the gear that ye gether thegither,  
 Mind weel that ye gie to the Lord;  
 Gie the first an' the best o' a' thing:  
 An' yer barns 'll aye be weel-stockit,  
 An' yer vats 'll be lippin fu',  
 They'll be reamin fu' an' skailin,  
 Wi' the red bree o' the grapes.

*Wisdom—a hantle better than gowd an' gear.*

## Verses 11-18.

My laddie, dinna mak licht o' the Lord's correckins,  
 Nor be yaumerin ower reprints, that He sen's ye;  
     For sic-like as He lo'es  
     He repruves, whan they need it,  
 As ony faither wad dae  
     Wi' the callan he likes.

Happy, rale happy is the man wha fin's wisdom,  
 An' the man wha gets guid understaun'in;  
     For a stockin o' that  
     Is better, a hantle, than stockin o' siller;  
 The oot-come o' that  
     Is mair than the hainins o' gowd;  
 She's far abune glisterin rubies;  
 'Deed, there's naething ava,  
 O' the things ye micht grein for,  
 To liken to her.

## CHAPTER III.

Lang days—days o' life—  
 In her richt haun she brings;  
 In her left she'll hae routh  
 O' the best gear an' honour:

Her weys, as ye'll fin',  
 Are pleasant a' through,  
 An' cannie an' lown  
 Are the gates o' her gangins.

She's life, wi' the frutes o't,  
 To a' that haud till her;  
 An' blythe is ilk ane  
 That maks her his ain.

*The Warks o' the Wisdom that's abune ony.*

Verses 19-20.

THE Lord, in His wisdom,  
 Has foundit the yirth;  
 An' siccarlie set  
 A' the heichs o' the heavens.

By knowledge, His ain,  
 Cam the howes o' the sea,  
 An' the lift, abune a',  
 Sen's the draps o' the dew.

## CHAPTER III.

*Aye tak the company o' Wisdom, an' baith day an'  
nicht ye'se hae the best o' bields.*

Verses 21-26.

My laddie, dinna lat them get oot o' yer sicht;  
Aye haud on by the heichest wisdom an' discreetness:  
    An' ye'll fin' that they're yer life,  
    Abune a' life ye ken,  
    An' braw graithin, as weel,  
    To the neck o' ye.

Then ye'll gang yont yer ain gate siccarlie,  
An' yer fit 'll be stouterin nane.  
    Whan, at nicht, ye lie doon,  
    Naething 'll scaur ye;  
    'Deed, whan ye lie doon,  
    Ye'll sleep as soun's a tap.

Sync ye needna be fley't for ony stramash,  
Or the doon-come o' wrang-doers, whan that ye see;  
    For ye can brawlie keep up yer hairt,  
    Lippenin to the Lord Himsel,  
    An' by His ain cannie airtin  
    He'll kep yer fit frae ony fanklin.

*Wisdom says—"Dinna"; an' gies guid raison for't.*

Verses 27-35.

DINNA withhaud ony guid ye can dae  
    To sic-like as are weel-deservin,  
Whan fine ye ken this o't yersel,  
    That ye've routh to dae't wi'.

## CHAPTER III.

DINNA be sayin to yer neighbour,—

*“ Weel, weel! Gang yer weys the noo,  
An’ syne come back the morn,  
An’ I’se see what I can dae for ye.”—*

Whan ye’ve got mair than enuch in yer pooch  
To help him at ance.

DINNA be ettlin ony ill anent yer neighbour,  
An’ him steyin e’en next-door t’ye, jaloosin naething.

DINNA be fechtin wi’ onybody needlesslie,  
Whan nocht o’ hairm’s been dune to yersel.

DINNA fash yer hairt anent, the camsteerie,  
An’ gang nane ower-by his gate.

FOR wi’ the crookit trokers,  
The Lord ’ll hae nocht to dae ava;  
An’ the saicret, that’s a’ His ain,  
Is only kent by the upright.

The sair, sair ban o’ the Lord  
Lichts on the hoose o’ the wicked;  
But the couthie bield o’ His blessin  
Haps the hauden o’ His ain folk.

Tho’ He gecks at them wha geck at guid,  
He’ll gie blythesome grace to the lown-hairtit.

The wyse ’ll get the tocher o’ His glorie;  
But shame itsel ’ll be the bombaisement o’ fules.

## CHAPTER IV.

*Wha sets Wisdom tapmaist has a croon set on his  
ain heid.*

## Verses 1-9.

HERKEN, my laddies, to the instruckins o' yer faither,  
An' tak tent to get guid understaun'in ;  
For the coonsel I'm speakin is richt,  
Gin ye'se haud by the biddens I gie.

For mysel, I aye held by my faither,  
An' clung by the sweet, couthie love o' my mither ;  
As a callan, like you, I got his advisins,  
An' this was what he tell't me :—

*“ Lat yer hairt lay-by what I say ;  
Keep my commauns, an' hae life :  
Get wisdom,  
Get discreetness.*

*“ Dinna forget that ;  
Dinna gang-back-on ocht that I've said ;  
Dinna mislippen her,  
An' she'll no mislippen yersel ;  
Lo'e her,  
An' she'll look eftir ye brawlie.*



## CHAPTER IV.

*“ Wisdom—that’s HER—the bunemaist o’ ony:  
Get Wisdom.  
See till’t! Whate’er yer gettins may be,  
Get guid understaun’in.*

*“ Set her tapmaist, I’m sayin,  
An’ yer life she’ll upheize;  
She’ll airt ye to honour  
Whan ye mak her yer ain.*

*“ She’ll clap on yer heid  
A brow graithin o’ grace,  
A croon—naething less—  
Is the buskin she’ll gie.”*

*The twa roads, an’ the endins o’ baith.*

Verses 10-19.

TAK tent, my laddie, an’ herken to what I tell ye,  
An’ ye’se hae mony brow years o’ life afore ye.

I’ve try’t to ettle ye in the wey o’ wisdom;  
I’ve airtit ye yont the gate o’ what’s guid:  
As ye gang on, yer feet ’ll no be fankl’t,  
An’, gin ye hae ony rinnin to dae,  
Ye’se no tumble.

## CHAPTER IV.

Tak a close grup o' guid counsel;  
Dinna lat her awa;  
Haud her;  
For she's the very life o' ye.

Ne'er pit a fit on the pads o' the wicked,  
An' kep yersel frae the wey o' the ill-daein.  
Dinna look the airt o't;  
Dinna gang near't;  
Haud awa frae't;  
An' gang oot-ower.

For ilka day they're thrang ower some mischieff,  
An' they canna gang to sleep at nights,  
Unless they've gi'en somebody a jundie.

It's their meat, ye wad think, to dae wrang,  
An' their drink, to dae hairm.

The wey o' the richteous airts on  
Frae the licht o' the mornin,  
That brichtens, an' brichtens the mair,  
Till the day's at its brawest.

But, fornent that, the wey o' the wicked  
Sklents doon, an' doon to the mirk,  
An' nocht can they see  
O' what whummles them ower.

## CHAPTER IV.

*“Wisdom’s ain airtin—“Straucht forrit.”*

Verses 20-27.

My laddie, gie tentie care to my words;  
 Len’ yer lugs to ilk thing that I’m tellin;  
 Lat nane o’ them drap frae yer sicht;  
 Hap them weel in the mids o’ yer hairt.

For they’re life to ilk ane that’ll grup them,  
 An’ guid health to the body as weel.

Abune a’ that ye gaird, gaird yer hairt,  
 For the ootcome o’ life is settl’t in-by.

Binna forritsome wi’ yer tongue,  
 An’ lat nae smachrie words smit yer lips;  
 Lat yer een be aye lookin forrit,  
 An’ the skance o’ yer e’e, straucht on.

Keep an even-doon pad for yer feet,  
 An’ lat a’ yer weys be made shair;  
 Swee nane to the richt or the left,  
 An’ haud on oot the gate o’ the wrang,  
 Straucht forrit.

## CHAPTER V.

*A faither's warnin ower the skaith o' an ill-deedie  
wumman.*

## Verses 1-6.

My laddie, tak tent to my coonsel,  
Len' yer lug to a' my advisins;  
That yersel may ettle discreetness,  
An' crack as ane haein knowledge.

For the lips o' an ill-deedie wumman  
Drap hinnie,  
An' her words are fair fraisin,  
Like butter;  
But, eftirhins,—Eh! they'll be soor,  
Soor as wurmwud,  
They'll be sherp as a swurd,  
Dooble-edged.

The feet o' her sklent to the deid,  
An' her fit-steps airt yont by the grave.

For sic-like a hizzie as this  
There's nae even-doon life ava;  
A' her weys are as shooglie as can be,  
Tho', as yet, she may no be awaur o't,  
May no tak ae thocht o't hersel.

## CHAPTER V.

## Verses 7-14.

Noo, my laddie, to mysel herken weel,  
An' haud ticht by the words o' my mooth.

Keep yont frae the craitur, far yont,  
An' ne'er slink ye near her door-cheek;  
Else ye'll niffer the guid name ye hae,  
An' the best o' yer years 'll be fyl't;  
Yer stren'th 'll be broizl't an' tint,  
An' to ithers ye'll wark for yer meat.

At the hinner-en', eh! ye'll be wae,  
Whan ye ken that yer life dwinnles oot;  
An' ye'll say, "*Hoo I slichtit guid coonsel,*  
*An' lauch't to mysel at repruif;*  
*I naither wad lippen richt biddens,*  
*Nor herken to frien's that wad speak them;*  
*Intil a' kinds o' pliskies o' wrang*  
*I gaed on, ramstam, 'thort the toon.*"

## Verses 15-19.

Slocken drouth at the spring that's yer ain,  
Frae the waters in-by yer ain waal.  
Should yer springs be cuisten abreid,  
Like burns rinnin ower on the causey?  
Lat them be for nane but yersel,  
An' no for the gangrels aboot ye.  
Lat the spring-heid o' life fesh ye blessin,  
An' be blythe wi' yer young guid-wife.

CHAPTER V.

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As a dawtit hynde,  
An' a bonnie da,  
Lat hersel be eneuch for ye aye;  
Wi' her love be ta'en up a'thegither.

Verses 20-23.

My laddie, what for, wi' the ill-deedie wumman,  
Or the gangeral lass, wad ye mint to tak up?

For the weys o' a man are afore the Lord's sicht,  
An', I'se wad, He kens weel a' the airts o' his gangins.

His daein o' wrang 'll girn the wrang-doer;  
He'll tichtlie be bun' by the raips o' his sin,  
O' the sin that's his ain;  
An' he'll dee, ay! he'll dee,  
For no takin advisins;  
An' by fulishness glaikit  
He'll aye gang the farer the wrang,  
An' be lost!

## CHAPTER VI.

*Anent comin-guid for ither folks.*

Verses 1-5.

My laddie, gif yer promise ye've gi'en  
 To come-guid for some neibour,  
 Gif yer word ye hae wad  
 For some gangeral craitur;  
 Then ye've girn't yer ainsel  
 By the words o' yer mooth;  
 Ay! ye've girn't yersel shair  
 By the words o' yer mooth.

Then, haste ye, my laddie,  
 An' redd up the pliskie;  
 For the poo'er o' yer neibour  
 Is ower ye, atweel!  
 Gang doon on yer hunkers,  
 An' beg for his peetie;  
 An' ne'er gang to sleep,  
 An' ne'er steek an e'e,  
 Till yersel ye hae redd,  
 Like a da frae the hunter,  
 Or a hynde frae the man wi' the girns.

## CHAPTER VI.

*The Lazy Loon.*

## Verses 6-11.

AWA to the ant, ye lazy loon,  
Tak tent to her weys, an' hae sense;  
For wi' nane to airt her at ettlin,  
An' wi' nae grieve ower-lookin her,  
An' wi' nocht o' a maister ava,  
She lays-by her meat in the simmer,  
An' gethers-in her providin through the hairst.

Hoo lang are ye gaun to lie snoozlin there,  
Ye shauchlin sumph?  
I wad like to ken  
Whan yer sleep-sleepin 'll be dune?

*“ A wee thing mair o't;  
Jist anither blink, man;  
Lat my shanks alane  
For an hoor or twa.”*

That's the gate  
That poortith 'll pyke ye like a reiver,  
An' sned aff a' ye hae,  
As gin he had whang't it awa wi' a whittle.



## CHAPTER VI.

*An ill-hairtit body, an' what comes o' him.*

Verses 12-15.

A SCABBIT, capernoitit craitur,  
 An ill-daein body—  
 He strunts aboot wi' an impident gab;  
 He winks an' winks wi' his een;  
 He shauchles abreid wi' his feet;  
 He maks signs wi' his fingers;  
 He's glaikit at the hairt o' him;  
 He's aye ettlin some ploy o' wrang;  
 Ilka day he's the cause o' sair rippets.

The skaith o' siccan a ane  
 Wull come doon in a gliff;  
 In the glisk o' a flaucht  
 He'll be daudit clean sindry,  
 An' that ayont remeid.

*Sax things—Ay! Seeven, that maun be weel-gairdit  
 against.*

Verses 16-19.

THERE be sax things,  
 That the Lord 'll hae nane o':  
 'Deed, the're seeven,  
 That He abominates a'thegither:—

## CHAPTER VI.

Vauntie een ;  
A leein tongue ;  
Hauns that herry the hairmless ;  
A hairt that's aye ettlin thochts o' wrang ;  
Feet that are stentit intil mischieff ;  
A dooble-mindit witness wha'll lee like onything ;  
An' the body wha saws bickerins amang brithers.

*The licht that can redd the feet frae a mirk, mirk  
road.*

Verses 20-23.

MY laddie, haud on by the commauns o' yer faither,  
An' dinna mislippen the biddens o' yer mither ;  
Bin' them tichtlie, an' for aye, roun' the hairt o' ye,  
An' buckle them close about the neck o' ye.

Whaure'er ye gang,  
This 'll airt ye ;  
Whan ye're sleepin,  
This 'll gaird ye ;  
Whan ye're wauken,  
This 'll crack wi' ye.

For the commaun  
Is a cruisie in itsel ;  
The richt bidden  
Is a leamin licht ;  
An' the reprints o' guid advisins  
Are the very life o' ye.

## CHAPTER VI.

## Verses 24-28.

To fen' ye frae the ill-deedie wumman,  
 Frae the fraise o' her fremit tongue;  
     Dinna grein for the craitur,  
     Tho' she be bonnie,  
 An' dinna lat her grup ye  
     Wi' the glint o' her een.

For it's jist by sic-like as hersel,  
 That a man may be brocht to his hunkers;  
 Ay! doon to the moulins o' bread,  
 An' nae less than the loss o' his life.

Can a man gether fire in his airms,  
 An' his claes no be brunt?

Can a man dauner yont ower het shunners,  
 An' the soles o' his feet no be birslet?

## Verses 29-35.

Sae the man, wha daes wrang  
     Wi' the wife o' his neibour,  
 Maun dree the hale skaith o't,  
     An' he'll fin' that the paikin's a sair ane.

Gin a man, whan he's hungry,  
     Should steal a bit thing  
 For a bite to his mooth,  
     Folk dinna think muckle aboot it;

CHAPTER VI.

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Altho', gif he's nabbit,  
He'll hae to pey't back,  
Ay! Seeven times ower,  
By roupin what's left o' his hauden.

But whae'er may dae wrang  
Wi' the wife o' his neighbour,  
Has nae understaun'in ava;  
It's his saul, ay! the saul o' himsel  
That he's broizlin;  
It's disgrace, black disgrace,  
That he's gettin;  
An' the fleck o't, for him,  
Wull ne'er on the yirth dicht awa.

For jailousie steers a rampagin;  
Nae man 'll spare ocht o' the skaith o't;  
Nae siller he'll look at;  
He'll be satisfet nane  
Wi' the biggest an' brawest o' praisents.

## CHAPTER VII.

*A faither's warnin ance mair ower the skaith o'  
an ill-deedie wumman.*

Verses 1-5.

My laddie, mind my tellins;  
Lay in-by yersel my commauns:  
Haud till them siccarlie,  
An' ye'se hae life—  
E'en my biddens,  
Like the aipple o' yer e'e:  
Bin' them, an' rink them roun' yer fingers,  
An' see till't, that they're scriven upon yer hairt.

Say to Wisdom, "*Ye're my ain sister,*"  
An' ca' Understaun'in yer cuisen;  
An' they'll aye fen' ye weel  
Frae the ill-deedie wumman,  
Frae the fremit craitur,  
Wha wad be fraise-fraisin ye wi' her tongue.

## CHAPTER VII.

## Verses 6-23.

For at the winnock o' my hoose  
I keekit oot ayont the swee o't,  
An' I saw amang the gawkie loons—  
Little mair than callans they were—  
I saw a young chiel,  
Wi' nae muckle gumption.

He was gaun alang the causey near her corner ;  
He was takin the very airt o' her hoose,  
In the gloamin,  
At the e'enin hoor,  
As the darklins o' the nicht were comin doon ;  
An' there was the hizzie to meet him,  
The sleekie, ill-deedie wumman.

She's a licht-heidit, glaikit limmer ;  
She'll stey nane in her ain hoose ;  
Noo, she's oot on the causey ;  
Noo, she's alang by the merkets,  
An' at ilka corner she's on the oot-look.

Sae she took him by the airms,  
An' there she kiss't him ;  
An' wi' impidence, the heicht o't,  
Glowerin in the face o' her,  
Quo' she to the chiel:—

## CHAPTER VII.

*“ I hae offerins o’ guid-wull wi’ me ;  
 This very day I’ve been takin thocht o’t :  
 Sae I cam oot to meet ye,  
 To see gin I could meet yersel,  
 An’, noo, I’ve fand ye here.*

*“ I’ve buskit the bink wi’ braw graithin,  
 Wi’ strippit cleedin frae Egypt itsel ;  
 An’ I’ve strinkl’t ower a’  
 The sweet-scentit fineries :  
 Come awa ; swither nane ;  
 Lat’s hae love to oor likins till the mornin,  
 Lat’s hae’t to oor likens :  
 For the guid-man’s awa frae hame ;  
 He’s gane aff to far-awa pairts ;  
 He’s taen a ju’ wallet alang wi’ him,  
 An’ he’se no be back inside a month.”*

Wi’ her sliddry tongue  
 She man’s to come ower him ;  
 Wi’ the fraisin o’ her mooth  
 She gars him gie in.

He gangs eftir her at the meenit—  
 Like the nowte till the slaucher-hoose,  
 Or like the man that’s sneckit in airns  
 Wha *maun* herken to the blethers o’ a fule—  
 Till a sherp flane dings through him.

## CHAPTER VII.

Like a silly bit birdie  
He haps intil the girn,  
An' the puir, thowless sumph  
Doesna ken that he's gaun to his daith.

## Verses 24-27.

An' sae, my laddies, herken weel to mysel,  
An' tak tent to the words o' my mooth:  
Ne'er lat yer hairt ettle yont by her weys,  
An' sklent nane oot-ower by her pads.

For mony a ane has she cuisten doon,  
Sair clour't;  
Ay! mony a ane has she clour't  
Clean deid:  
The airt o' her hoose is *that* airt—  
To the grave,  
Doon, aye, an' doon, to thae chaumers  
O' daith itsel.



## CHAPTER VIII.

*Wisdom's ca' to ane an' a'.*

Verses 1-11.

Is that no Wisdom  
That ye hear cryin?  
Is that no Understaun'in,  
Wha wad lat ye hear her crackin wi' ye?

On the tap o' the heich places  
Oot-ower by the road-side,  
Whaur the roads cross,  
There she taks her stance;  
By the big yetts  
At the in-gaun to the toon,  
An' at ilka door-cheek about the place,  
She's cryin that a' may ken.

Till yersels, a' ye carls, this is my ca',  
An' my words are to ane an' a'.

## CHAPTER VIII.

O ye feckless chiels,  
Lairn wisdom;  
An' ye thowless craiturs,  
Seek guid understaun'in.

Tak tent, for I'm tellin ye, noo,  
The brawest things o' ony;  
I want ye to ken, abune a',  
What's the richt:  
It's nocht but the leal an' the true,  
That I'll speak,  
For I ne'er wad lat wrang  
Smit my lips.

Ilka word o' my mooth is a richteous ane;  
There's nane o' them crookit ava:  
They're as plain as can be,  
To him wha wad see;  
An' *he* kens that they're richt,  
Wha wad wale the first wale o' richt-kennins.

Gie a walcome to a' my advisins,  
Ay! far afore siller;  
A walcome to a' thae richt-kennins  
Afore ony wale o' gowd:  
For wisdom is far abune glisterin rubies,  
'Deed, there's naething ava  
O' the things ye nicht grein for,  
To liken to her.

## CHAPTER VIII.

*The Wad o' Wisdom—"I lo'e sic-like as lo'e me."*

Verses 12-21.

I'M Wisdom that's crackin wi' ye;  
Cannie prudence an' mysel dwell thegither,  
An' I sairch oot richt-kennins an' discreetness.

The fear o' the Lord, that's leal,  
Is to dislike wrang o' a' kinds.

Pride an' upsettin,  
An' the gate o' ill-daein,  
An' the ill-scaipit, ill-faur't tongue,  
I'll hae nocht tō dae wi' ava.

Braw coonsel is mine,  
An' richt-kennins,  
An' guid understaun'in:—  
I'm the pith o' life.

By mysel, kings grup their poo'er as kings,  
An' princes gie the laws that are richt:  
By mysel, princes are uphaudden,  
An' a' the heich anes forbye,  
E'en the jidges oot-ower the yirth.

## CHAPTER VIII.

I lo'e sic-like as lo'e me ;  
An' a' that seek me,  
Wi' an eident hairt,  
Wull fin' me, shair.

Gear an' respeck gang along wi' mysel—  
The gear that'll no crine awa, an' richteousness ;  
What I hae to gie is far abune gowd,  
Ay! far abune gowd at its brawest—  
Better than ony wale o' siller ye nicht gether.

My gangins are aye in the airts o' richteousness,  
In the mids o' the pads o' jdgment ;  
That ilka ane, wha lo'es mysel,  
May come by the graun'est tocher,  
That I may pang a' their awmries fu' o' guid.

*The lang langsyne o' Wisdom.*

Verses 22-31.

THE Lord Himsel set me up,  
At the beginnin o' His ain oot-gaun,  
Afore a' His warks o' langsyne.

## CHAPTER VIII.

Frae that lāngsyne,  
 Frae that beginnin,  
 Afore there was a yirth ava,  
 Whan there were nae howes o' the sea,  
 I cam to life ;  
 Whan there were nae spring-heids  
 Jawin ower wi' water.

Afore the muckle mountains had been foondit,  
 Afore a' the bits o' hills,  
 I cam to life ;  
 Afore that He had shuppen the yirth,  
 Or the braid acres o't,  
 Or the very taitis o' stoor  
 For the biggin o' the big warld.

Whan He set up the heavens, I was there mysel ;  
 Whan He laid a spang ower the breidth o' the sea ;  
 Whan the lift abune was made siccar ;  
 Whan the springs o' the sea were reamin fu' ;  
 Whan the mairches o' the sea were settl't,  
 That the waters o't should ken to be biddable.

Whan He merkit oot the foonds o' the yirth,  
 I was near-haun Him at the time,  
 As a maister ower the biggin o' sic wonner-warks ;  
 Ilka day His delicht was in me,  
 An' blythe was mysel to be wi' Him—  
 Sae blythe ower the yirth He had made for His folks,  
 An' sae blythe anent them, the bairns o' mankind.

## CHAPTER VIII.

*Dinna say " Na " to Wisdom yersels.*

Verses 32-36.

AN' sae, my ain laddies,  
Herken weel to me noo;  
For blessin 'll fa' upon a'  
That gang yont in the wey that's my ain.

Tak ye tent to instruckins,  
An', 'deed, ye'se be wyse,  
An' dinna say, Na,  
To Wisdom yersels.

For that blessin 'll drap  
On the man wha herkens to me,  
Ilka day keepin watch at my yetts,  
Waitin on at the cheeks o' my door.

An' whae'er fin's mysel  
Fin's the gliff o' life,  
An' the Lord's guid-wull.

But whae'er wad staun' oot against me  
Wad dae wrang to the saul that's his ain;  
An' whae'er taks dislikens for me  
Taks sair likens for daith itsel.

## CHAPTER IX.

*The Feast o' Wisdom.*

## Verses 1-6.

WISDOM has biggit her hoose,  
Uphauden by seeven braw pillars;  
The beasts hae been kill't for a feast,  
The wine's a' forrit an' ready,  
An' the buird's been plenish't wi' galore.

She's order't her lassies athort,  
An' frae a' the heich pairts o' the toon  
She's hoyin an' cryin:—

*“ Whae'er is feckless amang ye,  
Come in-by;  
Whae'er has sma' understaun'in,  
Come in-ower;  
Here's fine feedin for ye,  
Here's wine I hae ready.”*

Quat the auld gangins, ye feckless craiturs;  
Come in-by, an' get a gliff o' life,  
An' tak ye the airts o' guid understaun'in.

## CHAPTER IX.

*Anent correckin the wyse an' the fulish.*

Verses 7-9.

WHA ettles to correck a gecker at guid  
May get naething but snash for his pains:  
Wha offers repruif to an ill-dacin man  
May e'en get a fleck o' his ill.

Lat the gecker alane,  
Or he'll hate ye;  
Gie repruif to the wyse,  
An' he'll lo'e ye.

Gie instruckins to him,  
An' he'll aye get the wyser;  
To the man that's upright,  
An' he'll aye lairn the mair,  
The aulder he growes.

*The Spring-heid o' Wisdom.*

Verses 10-12.

THE fear o' the Lord  
Is the spring-heid o' wisdom:  
The richt-kennin o' the Haly Ane—  
That's guid understaun'in.

Get that for yersel,  
An' yer days 'll be mony;  
Ay! the years o' yer life  
Wull be lang streekit oot.



## CHAPTER IX.

Gin ye're wyse,  
 Then ye're wyse for yersel an' yer weal;  
 But geck at what's guid,  
 An' the skaith o't ye'll dree yer lane.

*The Feast o' Fulishness.*

Verses 13-18.

THE fulish wumman has a rantin tongue;  
 She's a tawpie,  
 An' kens naething;  
 She sits at her ain door-cheek,  
 Or about the heich pairts o' the toon,  
 Roarin to a' that gang by—  
 Ilka ane gaun on his ain airt:—

*“ Whae'er is feckless amang ye,  
 Come in-by;  
 Whae'er has sma' understaun'in—*

*“ Waters, that are stown,  
 Are the sweet anes,  
 An' bread, that's gotten by hiddlins,  
 Maks a gustie bit bite.”*

But onybody, wha herkens to siccan a ane,  
 Doesna ken that her hoose hauds the deid,  
 An' that a', gaun in-ower by the same,  
 Are gaun yont, straucht yont to their grave.

CHAPTER X.

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Verse 1.

THE WYSE-SAYINS O' SOLOMON.

CHAPTER X.

## Verse 1.

A LADDIE wi' a pickle gumption maks his faither rale  
prood o' him;  
But a thochtless callan gies his mither mony a sair  
hairt.

## 2.

Gear that's gether't by scafferie 'll bring blythe oot-  
come to naebody;  
But richteousness 'll redd a man frae the grups o' daith  
itsel.

## 3.

The Lord 'll ne'er lat ony o' His ain be sair scrimpit;  
But He'll steek the door ticht against the ettlins o' the  
wicked.

## 4.

The man that's slack in the haun 'll sune be toom in  
the purse;  
But the haun that's eident is the haun that gethers the  
gear.

## 5.

He's a sensible chiel, wha lays-by through the simmer;  
But onybody, wha driddles in the hairst-time, 'll shame  
his ain folk by-ord'nar.

## CHAPTER X.

6.

Mony are the blessins that are strinkl't ower the heid  
o' the richteous;  
But mony a sair clour 'll be clankit on the gab o' the  
wicked.

7.

The memorie o' the guid is aye wi' us in a' its blythe-  
someness;  
But the name o' the ill-doers 'll crine awa to naething.

8.

A' the wyse at hairt tak tent to commauns gi'en them;  
But a bletherin coof 'll come doon wi' a daiverin dunt  
some day.

9.

Wha gangs uprightly, gangs siccarlie;  
Wha taks the crookit gate, 'll hae his name blabbit  
ower the hale parish.

10.

The man that's aye wink-winkin wi' his een, ettles  
muckle ill:  
An' a lowse-tongued craitur 'll get a clarty tummle  
afore he's through wi't.

CHAPTER X.

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11.

The crack o' a guid man brings a gliff o' life;  
But the crack o' the wicked is nocht but camsteeeric  
clash.

12.

Ill-wull steers up a' mainer o' rippets;  
But, whaur there's love, mony bits o' mistaks are  
quaitly happit oot o' sicht.

13.

Wha has guid insicht, kens hoo to speak sense:  
Wha wants gumption, wants a rung reislin on his back.

14.

Men o' mense are aye gleg to pit an eik to what they  
ken already;  
But fules, by their blether-bletherin, dae the warst for  
themsels.

15.

The gear o' the rich man gairds him like a castle;  
But the poortith o' the puir hauds him doon on his  
hunkers.

16.

The thrangness o' the richteous airts to life:  
The thrangness o' the wicked airts to sin.

## CHAPTER X.

17.

Wha gangs by guid advisins, hauds on the richt gate:  
Wha gecks at reprimand, waun'ers frae the straucht road.

18.

Whae'er hides his ill-wull aneth a pretence o' guid-  
wull, is a leear:  
An' whae'er keeps himsel thrang clypin clashes, is nae-  
thing but a coof.

19.

Whaur there's a brattlin blether o' words, some o' them  
are like to be ill;  
Sae the man wi' a pickle sense taks care to keep a  
steek in his crack.

20.

The crack o' the richteous is like siller—the very wale  
o't;  
But that o' the wicked is no worth a broon bawbee.

21.

The crack o' the richteous feeds an' fen's mony a life;  
But silly sumphs dee for want o' guid understaun'in.

CHAPTER X.

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22.

The blessin o' the Lord maks the puirest body bien,  
An' there's nae back-draw o' dowieness gangs along  
wi't.

23.

A fule thinks it's daffin to mell wi' the wrang:  
An', to the man o' the richt stamp,  
Sic-like is the sairch eftir wisdom—  
It's the brawest pleesur' o' ony!

24.

What the wicked are frichtit for,  
Upon the wicked that'll fa':  
What the richteous hae ettl't,  
That'll come their gate in the lang-run.

25.

Whan the dirl o' the blast has gane by,  
The biggins o' the wicked are blawn clean oot o'  
sicht;  
But tak a skance o' the haudens o' the richteous—  
They're foondit on a rock for evermair.

26.

Like vinegar seepin about the teeth,  
An' like reek nippin in the een,  
Sae is the lazy, feckless loon  
To a' the neibour-folk,  
Wha lippen him wi' ony erran'.

## CHAPTER X.

27.

The fear o' the Lord pits an eik to the days o' a man's  
life;  
But the years o' the ill-daein 'll be clippit doon.

28.

The houp o' the richteous is aye blythesome;  
But the houp o' the wicked 'll get a black begunk.

29.

To the upright, the wey o' the Lord is like the bield o'  
a castle;  
But to a' wha troke wi' wrang, it's like a castle tummlin  
on the tap o' them.

30.

Sic-like as dae guid 'll ne'er be cowpit ower;  
But sic-like as dae ill maun be soopit awa oot o' a'  
kennin.

31.

The mooth o' the richteous speaks cannily what's wyse;  
But the tongue o' the ill-doers 'll be sneckit aff.

32.

The guid at hairt aye ken the richt word to say:  
The ill at hairt are aye pitten in their tongue whaur  
they shouldna.



## CHAPTER XI.

## Verse 1.

TROKIN wi' fause bauks is a thing that the Lord  
abominates;  
But he thinks muckle o' straucht dailin wi' fair wechts.

## 2.

Whaur there's pride, there's a dinnerin doon-come no  
far awa;  
But the lown-hairtit are cantie neibours wi' wisdom.

## 3.

The straucht-forrit gangin o' the upright uphauds them  
ilka day;  
But the crookit gangin o' the ill-daein 'll whummle  
them to discomfishment.

## 4.

In the unco day o' jidgment, gear canna dae ocht for  
onybody;  
But richteousness can uphaud a man, e'en fornent daith  
itsel.

## CHAPTER XI.

5.

The guidness o' the upright airts him forrit on the richt  
gate;  
But the wicked 'll ding ower his ain feet by his ain  
wrang.

6.

The richteousness o' the righteous 'll bield them against  
ony blast;  
But sic-like as troke wi' jookrie-pawkrie 'll be gruppit  
in the girns o' their ain mischieff.

7.

Whan a wicked man dees, a' his expeckins are  
whumml't doon alang wi' him,  
An' a' the houps, that he biggit on his cheaterie, are  
cuisten amang the glaur.

8.

The righteous man is ta'en Hame frae a' the world's  
cark an' care;  
An', maybe, anither, wha's a hantle frae bein' what he  
ocht to be, steps intil his shoon.

9.

The godless man thinks naething o' broizlin his neibour  
wi' his clashes;  
But the godly, by guid sense, 'll haud aff ony sic  
unneighbourliness.

## CHAPTER XI.

10.

Whan things gang weel wi' the richteous, the hale  
toon's the blyther for't;  
An' whan the wicked are cowpit ower, it's weel-worth  
a graun' hullaballoo.

11.

By the blessin o' the upright, the hale toon is uncolie  
upliftit;  
But it's sair cuisten doon, whan the ill tongue o' the  
wicked gets free wagglin.

12.

The man wha lichtlies his neibour, lats a'body ken that  
he's a gowk himsel;  
But the man o' guid understaun'in aye keeps a lown  
tongue within his chafts.

13.

Wha raiks about as a clishmaclaiver 'll be blabbin what  
he has nae business to tell;  
But the man o' the leal hairt 'll clap his thoom on what  
he can.

14.

Whaur there's nae cannie coonsel, the guid o' the lave  
fa's a' sindry;  
But whaur there's routh o' wyse coonsellers, things  
gang forrit wi' a birr.

## CHAPTER XI.

15.

Wha comes-guid for ony gangrel, 'll suffer weel for't:  
Wha'll hae nocht to dae wi' comin-guid for onybody,  
taks the best care o' himsel.

16.

A douce wumman hauds up her guid name:  
An' men o' smeddum haud on by their hainins.

17.

The man that's mercifu' daes weel by his ain saul;  
But, gin a carl be canker't an' cruel,  
He'se get his ain skin tichtlie het for him sune or syne.

18.

An ill-daein craitur haurles till him the wages o'  
deceiverie;  
But the man that saws richteousness gets a shair crap.

19.

Wha hauds siccarlie by the richt, speels up to life:  
Wha hunts eftir the wrang, hunts himsel to daith.

20.

Wi' folk that wark by smachrie tricks, the Lord 'll  
hae nocht to dae ava;  
But He taks unco delicht in sic-like as gang forrit on  
the straucht.

## CHAPTER XI.

21.

Collogue wi' ane anither as they like, ill-doers 'll dree  
 their ain skaith;  
 But the kith an' kin o' a' that are weel-daein 'll be  
 happit oot o' hairm's wey.

22.

Like a gowden jewel  
 On the grunzie o' a soo,  
 Sae is a bonnie wumman wantin sense.

23.

The richteous ettle naething but what's guid:  
 The wicked hae naething to look forrit till, but what'll  
 bedunner themsels.

24.

There's siccan a thing as this—  
 Gi' ein awa wi' an open loof,  
 An' yet haein *mair*:  
 An' there's siccan a thing as this—  
 Grabbin an' haudin ayont what's richt,  
 An' yet haein *less*.

25.

Whae'er gies awa wi' an open loof, 'll be kent by a' as  
 a gausie chiel;  
 An' whae'er slockens the drouth o' ithers, 'll be slocken't  
 whan he's drouthie himsel.

CHAPTER XI.

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26.

The man wha hauds back the corn, whan feedin's  
scrimp, deserves the ban o' the lave;  
But blessins, an' mony o' them, 'll be heapit on him  
wha taks't to the merket.

27.

Wha sairches eidently for the guid, is sairchin for his  
ain guid;  
But wha sairches for the wrang, my certes! but he'll  
ken about it.

28.

Wha lippens a'thing to his gear 'll get a black begunk;  
But the richteous 'll be growthie like the leaves o' the  
spring.

29.

The man wha brings tribble on his ain hoose, brings  
the sairest sturt he'll ever ken;  
An' he wha plays the fule, 'll hae to play saicond  
fiddle to the man o' sense.

30.

Wha hauds by the richt, growes like a tree:  
Wha gangs the gate o' the guid, wins sauls to the same  
airt.

31.

Tak tent to this:—  
The richteous 'll get their hansel e'en in this warld:  
An' naething can be shairer—  
Sae wull the glaikit an' the ill-daein.

## CHAPTER XII.

## Verse 1.

WHA walcomes guid advisins, walcomes mair richt-  
kennins:  
Wha birses up against cannie correckins, has nae mair  
gumption than a brute-beast.

## 2.

A guid man 'll be happit in the guid-wull o' the Lord  
Himsel;  
But ony man o' wrangsome deceiverie maun dree His  
jidge.

## 3.

Nae man need houp to bigg himsel up on wrang-daein:  
An' there's nae poo'er on the yirth can ding ower the  
foond o' the richteous.

## 4.

A douce wumman is the croon o' her guid-man;  
But the wife that affronts him pushions his ben-maist  
peace.

## CHAPTER XII.

5.

The thochts o' the richteous are straucht-forrit ;  
But the coonsels o' the wicked ettle jookrie-pawkrie.

6.

The cracks o' the ill-daein, wi' ane anither, are anent  
the herryin o' the hairmless ;  
But the cracks o' the upright 'll uphaud themsels  
through thick an' thin.

7.

Gie the wicked jist a wee bit jundie, an' they're clean  
cowpit ower ;  
But the hauden o' the richteous 'll staun siccarlie  
against mony a dirlin blast.

8.

The mair sense a man may hae, the mair he'll be  
thocht o' ;  
But gin he taks a crookit gate he'll tyne a' respeck.

9.

Ony man, wi' nane but a bit orra servitor aboot him,  
may no be muckle thoct o' ;  
But he's a hantle better than the neibour, wha strunts  
wi' pride, but hasna a nirl o' bannock aboot the  
hoose.



## CHAPTER XII.

## 10.

A guid man taks a tentie care e'en ower his brute-  
 .beast;  
 But the saftest haunlins o' the wicked are snarre an'  
 snell.

## 11.

Wha keeps himsel thrang on the laun', 'll ne'er be  
 fash't wi' a scrimp giral;  
 But he wha traiks wi' the glaikit is a gumptionless coof.

## 12.

The wicked mak a croose fracca ower the ploys o' ill-  
 daein;  
 But dinna mistak yersel—  
 Gin ye want to see the brawest ootcome o' things,  
 Ye maun tak a skance at the growthieness o' the  
 richteous.

## 13.

An ill-airtit word may sune sen' agley an ill-hairtit  
 man;  
 But the guid are mair siccar, an' gang yont scart-free.

## 14.

Whan a man speaks the richt,  
 He has muckle content anent himsel:  
 An' ilka ane should ken this o't—  
 That, dae what a body likes, richt or wrang,  
 He'll get his hansel for't.

## CHAPTER XII.

15.

"*Ye needna tell me,*" says the fule; "*I'm richt eneuch*":

But the man o' sense glegly len's his lug to a' guid coonsel.

16.

Whan a fule gangs staiverin intil ony pliskie, a' the neibours sune hear tell o't;

But a man o' mense claps his thoom on the sairs that are trauchlin him warst.

17.

Wha hauds by the truth, uphauds richteousness:

Whas tongue is fause, cleeks wi' deceiverie.

18.

Thochtless words may cut like the swype o' a swurd;  
But the cannie words o' the wyse are couthie an' hale-  
some.

19.

Wha haud by the truth—

They'll be biggit on a shair foond for evermair:

Wha are gleg at lecin—

They'll be soopit awa in a gliff.

## CHAPTER XII.

20.

Cheaterie tirls at the hairt o' sic-like as troke wi'  
jookrie-pawkrie;  
But blythesomeness 'll be the hansel o' ilka ane that  
ettles guid-wull.

21.

Nae sair mischieff can befa' the richteous;  
But the wicked 'll be chokit up wi' the ootcome o' their  
ain wrang.

22.

Folks that are gi'en to leein are dislikit oot-an-oot by  
the Lord;  
But even-haundit, an' straucht-forrit dailin pleases  
Him uncolie.

23.

A douce man doesna brag aboot a' that he kens;  
But a fule canna keep it hiddlins what a gowk he is.

24.

Sic-like as are eident at their wark 'll get the foreman's  
job;  
But the thowless 'll be pey't by piece-wark.

25.

A sair hairt hauds a man sair doon;  
But a bit blythe word gies him anither heize.

## CHAPTER XII.

26.

The richteous pits a guid swatch o' life doon afore his  
neighbour;  
But the on-gaun o' the ill-daein gars a neighbour gang  
agley.

27.

The lazy loon has naething for the demer-pat, for he  
couldna be fash't daein ocht to get onything;  
But there's a hantle o' fine things sotterin by the ingle  
for the man that's aye thrang at the darg.

28.

Tak the airt o' richteousness,  
An' ye'se get life, braw life:  
Gang steively alang that gate,  
An' there's nae daith to be dreidit ava.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## Verse 1.

A DOUCE callan taks tent to his faither's advisins;  
But a camsteerie loon 'll no tak a tellin.

## 2.

A guid man gethers a hairst o' guid by his ain guid  
crack;  
But sic-like as speak deceiverie 'll gether a hairst o'  
hardship, that they've wrocht weel for.

## 3.

Wha gairds his tongue, gairds his life;  
Wha kens-na hoo to keep his gab steekit,  
Blethers to his ain discomfishment.

## 4.

The thowless are aye wheinge-wheingin for this thing  
or the tither,  
An' canna come-at ony o' them;  
But the man wha's eident at the darg,  
Can get a wamefu' o' onything he taks a notion o'.

## CHAPTER XIII.

5.

A richteous man canna thole leein ava;  
But a wicked craitur is scunnersome in his ainsel,  
An', at the hinner-en', drees a waesome oot-gaun.

6.

Richteousness fen's onybody wha gangs the straucht,  
honest gate;  
But wickedness cowps the sinner heels-ower-heid.

7.

There's siccan a thing as this—  
Gruppin at a' we can lay oor hauns on,  
An' yet haein *naething*:  
An' there's siccan a thing as this—  
Gi'ein awa wi' an open loof,  
An' yet haein a *hantle*.

8.

A rich man's gear may pey a ransom for his life;  
But the puir man has the best o't ae wey—  
He's ower puir for onybody to fash wi' him.

9.

The licht o' the richteous leams blythesomelie;  
But the caunle o' the wicked 'll be blawn oot.

10.

A prood, vauntie speerit is aye raisin rippets;  
But the lown-hairtit wale the cannie gangins.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## 11.

The gear that's haul't thegither by cheaterie 'll dwinnle  
 awa some day;  
 But what's gether't by eident wark 'll syne growe mair.

## 12.

Houps that are putten aff an' aff,  
 Bring a dowie dwaum ower the hairt;  
 But whan we come-at what we socht,  
 Sirss! that's a graun' gliff o' life.

## 13.

Whae'er lichtlies the word o' heichest coonsel,  
 Draws the skaith doon on his ain croon;  
 But whae'er hauds on by the commauns,  
 He'll tak the gree.

## 14.

The wyse gang a gate o' their ain,  
 Whaur the springs o' life are ne'er drumlie,  
 An' it airts them oot-ower a' the girns,  
 That daith itsel wad set to sneck them.

## 15.

A guid understaun'in maks couthie leevin;  
 But sic-like as troke wi' jookrie-pawkrie—  
 'Deed, they'll fin' that they've ta'en a gey trauchle in  
 haun.

## CHAPTER XIII.

16.

Ilka man o' mense redd's his wey by kennin, deid-shair,  
what it is he's eftir;  
But ony gowk strinkles his senselessness ower a' his  
on-gauns.

17.

Ony rinner o' an erran', that's ill-hairtit, 'll bring baith  
himsel an' ither folk intil a sair pliskie;  
But ane that's leal, oot-through, keeps a'body conneckit  
as blythesome as ye like.

18.

Poortith an' shame befa' the feckless, wha'll tak counsel  
frae naebody;  
But the man wha can tak a tellin 'll win forrit amang  
the best o' them.

19.

There's muckle blythesomeness in gettin what we've  
been raxin for;  
But there's nae end ava to the greinin an' the glaumin  
o' the glaikit.

20.

Gang the gate o' the wyse,  
An' ye'se gang shares wi' their guid sense;  
But gang wi' the gumptionless,  
An' my certes! but ye'se get the gowk's crowdie.



## CHAPTER XIII.

21.

Dae as they like, sinners canna rin awa frae the oot-  
come o' their ain wrang;  
But the richteous 'll get the braw hansel o' a' that's  
guid.

22.

A guid man leaves the best o' tochers to his bairns'  
bairns;  
But the gear o' the ill-daein swees roun' to the richteous  
in the lang-run.

23.

Frae the warslin o' the puir folk wi' the laun',  
Come muckle stackyairds an' routh o' vittles;  
But ower aften they're spulyiet o' their share o't  
By the grabbin o' wrangsome greed.

24.

The faither wha hauds aff the tawse  
Hasna at hairt the weal o' his ain laddie;  
For a bit skelpin, noos-an'-thans,  
Whan he's weel-deservin o't,  
Wad be the daein o' love,  
Airtin him yont to what's richt.

25.

The guid man 'll ne'er want a pickle meal in his gurnal;  
But the ill-daein, afore a's dune, is shair to fin' the  
grun' o' his stamack.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## Verse 1.

ILKA wyse wumman uphauuds her ain hoose ;  
But the wife that's wauff haurles doon her hauden wi'  
her ain hauns.

## 2.

The man o' an upright wey o' leevin  
Taks chairge o' himsel in the sicht o' the Lord ;  
But sic-like as airt themsels on wrangsome roads  
Lichtlie a' that's guid.

## 3.

The mooths o' fules crooslie cairry a stick  
That'll syne crunt their ain croons ;  
But men o' mense gaird their crack  
Sae as to gaird their ain weal.

## 4.

Whan the kye are oot at the gress,  
The byre's at its snoddest ;  
But, lat the byre be clean or clarty,  
We're muckle behauden to the kye.

## CHAPTER XIV.

5.

A witness, wha's leal an' aefauld,  
 Wull be takin tentie care to sae nocht  
 That he kens to be lee-some;  
 But a dooble loon 'll be gaun threipin,-  
 For onything or for naething ava,  
 As mony lees as his braith can skail.

6.

A lowse-tongued craitur may bletcher aboot wisdom—  
 the thing he canna faddom;  
 But the man o' guid understaun'in comes at it brawlie.

7.

Gang in-ower, gin ye tak a thocht o't,  
 To hae a bit crack wi' a fule;  
 But ye'se no be lang o' kennin this—  
 That his crack's a gey fashless kecklin.

8.

The ettlin o' a man o' gumption  
 Is to ken best hoo to airt his life;  
 But the silly trantles o' the senseless  
 Fankle their ain feet.

9.

The glaikit mak muckle daffin an' geckin ower wrang;  
 But amang thè men o' upricht leevin, guid-wull aye  
 cairries aff the gree.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## 10.

Ilka hairt kens best its ain wae ;  
An' nae fremit body need try to mell wi' its ain blythesomeness.

## 11.

The biggin o' folks wha are deid-set on ill-daein 'll  
be cuisten to the grun' ;  
But the hauden o' the upright 'll staun siccar.

## 12.

There's siccan a thing as this—  
A road that a body may tak unbekent,  
Thinkin that it ettles richt eneuch ;  
But at the hinner-en' o't  
Are the mirk, sliddry fit-pads,  
Whaur daith itsel gangs rampin about.

## 13.

E'en in lauchin the hairt may be dowie ;  
An' ayont the lauchin the dowieiness may be waur.

## 14.

The man wha swees his life the wrang gate,  
Wull be chokit wi' his ain ill-daein ;  
But a guid man 'll gether, in a guid speerit,  
A dale o' content anent himsel.

CHAPTER XIV.

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15.

The feckless tak in a' the crack that's gaun,  
As gin it were true,  
But the man o' gumption looks mair than ance  
At the wey o' his gangins.

16.

The man that's wyse is the man that's fleyt  
At the sicht o' ocht that's sinfu',  
An' hauds yont oot the gate o't;  
But the fule flings heich his heid,  
An' gangs on, cock-shair,  
Like the fule he is.

17.

The man that taks a tirrorive, an' bleezes up at ony  
antrin trifle, bans himsel;  
But ither folk 'll ban the man, wha trokes wi' dirty  
tricks o' cheaterie.

18.

The silly an' the droopit are to be peety't,  
For their silliness aften comes aff their forebears;  
But men o' mense set a croon on their ain lives,  
By seekin oot the wale o' richt-kennins.

19.

Ill-daein folk, sune or syne, maun boo afore the guid:  
An' warkers o' wrang maun staun oot o' the gate o' the  
godly.

## CHAPTER XIV.

20.

The puir man is nane ower weel likit,  
E'en by his next-door neibour;  
But sic-like as hae routh o' siller in their pooches  
Aye hae a hantle o' friens.

21.

Wha lichtlies his neibour, daes a dooble wrang;  
But wha keeps a saft hairt for the puir, maks a blythe  
hairt for himsel.

22.

Ay, ay! Divna they gang far agley,  
Wha are thrang ettlin wrang?  
But mercy an' truth 'll be the shair hansel  
O' ilka ane wha ettles to dae richt.

23.

In a' wark, that's halesome wark,  
There's a braw ootcome;  
But claiverin here an' there, wi' the darg mislippent—  
That's the straucht road to the puirhoose.

24.

Whan folk are wyse, their gear may be their croon;  
But oot o' the fasherie o' fules—weel, what can be lookit  
for, but fanks o' fulishness?

## CHAPTER XIV.

25.

A witness, wha's leal an' aefauld,  
Lays the wyte on the richt shouthers;  
But the ane wha taks to leein  
Spins hanks o' mischieff for mony mair than himsel.

26.

In the fear o' the Lord, a man graiths himsel wi'  
suthfast stren'th;  
An' his bairns 'll no be in want o' a lown howff, free  
frae skaith.

27.

The fear o' the Lord slockens a man's life like springs  
o' caller water,  
An' mony a time uphauuds his hairt frae the cauld grup  
o' daith.

28.

The king has the stoop o' his glorie in muckle croods  
o' folk;  
But whan the croods dwinnle awa, eh! but he's sair  
cuisten doon.

29.

Tholin weel an' keepin the anger frae lowin,—  
That's the pruif o' the steive man o' sense;  
But lattin the temper bleeze up like tow,  
At onything or at naething ava,—  
That's the heicht o' senselessness.

## CHAPTER XIV.

30.

A stoot hairt heizes life alang wonnerfu';  
But ill-wull cankers to the very bane.

31.

Whae'er herries the puir, misca's his Maker;  
Whae'er gies awmous o' kindness to the needy, gies  
to Him.

32.

Whan days o' dule befa' the warkers o' ill,  
They're lounder't to the laigest;  
But the guid hae a graun', couthie happin,  
E'en whan daith itsel wad rax a haun on them.

33.

Wisdom bides far ben in the hairt o' the man o' guid  
understaun'in;  
But anything in-by a fule, o' the kind o't, is shair to  
brattle oot.

34.

Richt-daein uphau'ds ony nation;  
But wrang-daein 'll swirl't to the glaur.

35.

The guid-wull o' the king 'll glegly dawt the servitor  
wha haunles affairs wi' discreetness;  
But he'll fleg wi' crabbitness him wha maks a hash o'  
the business.



## CHAPTER XV.

## Verse 1.

A CANNIE answer quaitens doon a dirdum ;  
But ony birsin up maks't dooble waur.

## 2.

A man wi' a wyse tongue in his heid is weel eneuch  
kent by his crack ;  
But the mooth o' fules maun aye be blether-bletherin.

## 3.

The een o' the Lord sairch ben intil ilka neuk,  
An' naither richt nor wrang can be hiddlins to Him.

## 4.

A ceevil, halesome tongue is a blessin to a man's sel ;  
But lat his tongue be lowse an' loopie,  
An' it may e'en brak his ain hairt yet.

## 5.

A gawkie callan gecks at his faither's correckins ;  
But the chiel wha taks them in guid pairt, aye gethers  
the mair sense.

## CHAPTER XV.

6.

Whaur the richteous hae their haudens,  
There's a hantle o' what's brawest an' best;  
But the getherins o' sic-like as wark by wrang  
Are shair to gether tribble.

7.

Wyse folk help mony mair than themsels  
By the richt-kennins they hae waled;  
But fules—'deed, they tak anither wey o't!

8.

Anent the offerin o' the wicked,—  
The Lord 'll hae nocht to dae wi't ava;  
But the prayer o' the upright pleases Him uncolie.

9.

The Lord abominates a'thegither the ongauns o' the  
wicked;  
But He lo'es him abune the lave,  
Wha warsles forrit eftir richteousness.

10.

There's a sair, sair correckin bein' laid-by  
For the man wha taks the wrang gate:  
An' there's naething else for't,  
But the road doon to the deid-mirk,  
Gif a man 'll no tak a tellin.

## CHAPTER XV.

## 11.

Baith the grave an' the ill-place are within the kennin  
o' the Lord;  
An' muckle mair sae are the hairts o' the kith an' kin  
o' men.

## 12.

A man wha lauchs an' gecks at what's guid,  
Doesna like to be checkit himsel:  
There's nae fear o' *him* gaun in-ower  
To hae an antrin crack wi' the sensible.

## 13.

A cantie hairt maks a cheerie face;  
But dule an' wae drook the speirit wi' dowieness.

## 14.

A man o' mense is aye thrang ower the sairch for mair  
richt-kennins;  
But fules ne'er get farer than stechin themsels wi'  
fulishness.

## 15.

A' the days are dowie whan there's dule in the hoose;  
But the hairt that's cantie has a couthie time a' along.

## 16.

Better wi' a hoose that's puir an' pookit,  
Whaur there's the fear o' the Lord,  
Than a hoose stappit fu' o' braw gear,  
Whaur there's aye fasherie.

## CHAPTER XV.

17.

Better a denner o' cresses,  
Whaur ye get them wi' guid-wull,  
Than a guzzle ower a hale coo,  
Whaur ye're nane walcome.

18.

A crabbit body is aye steerin up a wheen mair bickerins ;  
But the man wi' the lown temper saves mony a rippet.

19.

The wey o' the lazy loon is border't wi' brammles ;  
But the gate o' the guid 'll be set on the croon o' the  
causey.

20.

A callan wi' a pickle gumption maks his faither rale  
prood o' him ;  
An' nane but a sumph wad think little o' his mither.

21.

To the man wha has nae sense, fulishness is a graun'  
ploy ;  
But the man o' mense hauds his gangins on the straucht.

22.

Whaur guid counsel is awantin,  
Things dinna come oot ocht weel ;  
But whaur there's routh o' wyse coonsellers,  
Things are set up siccarlie.

## CHAPTER XV.

23.

A body's rale weel pleased wi' himsel,  
Whan he's been gleg wi' his answer;  
An' the richt word at the richt meenit—  
Man, but it's a guid thing!

24.

To sic-like as are wyse,  
The wey o' life gangs aye forrit,  
An' aye up;  
An' the farer it gangs on,  
The shairer it's reddin them  
Frae the mirk o' the grave.

25.

The Lord 'll up-rute the hauden o' the upsettin;  
But He'll mak things deid-siccar anent the belangins  
o' the weedow-wumman.

26.

Tricks o' cheaterie the Lord abominates a'thegither;  
But couthie words o' kindness hae nae fleck on them  
ava.

27.

The body wha's glaumin an' grabbin wi' greed,  
Soors a'thing about his ain hoose;  
But it's the ither man,  
Wha's greinin nane for aye get-gettin,  
That kens what's the brawest life.

## CHAPTER XV.

28.

The guid at hairt are unco cannie anent their answers ;  
But the mooth o' the wicked jaws ower wi' the skailins  
o' wrang.

29.

The Lord hauds far oot-ower frac the ill-daein ;  
But He's aye near-haun an' in-by,  
To herken to the prayer o' the richteous.

30.

The licht o' the een maks a licht hairt :  
An' guid news maks guid health.

31.

Wha herkens wi' a tentie lug to life's ain instruckins,  
Bides in the wale o' company wi' the wyse amang men.

32.

The man wha'll tak nae correckin,  
Has sma' regaird for his ain saul ;  
But the man wha's gleg at takin a tellin,  
Gangs on getherin better sense.

33.

The fear o' the Lord is the best airtin to wisdom :  
An' afore ye can speel the brae to honour,  
Ye'se need a hum'le hairt.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## Verse 1.

LAT a man tak tent to his ain hairt,  
An' syne he can weel lippen to the Lord,  
Whan he ettles to use his ain tongue.

## 2.

Ilka wey o' a man's ettlin is the richt gate,  
By his ain thoct o't;  
But the Lord Himsel 'il ken whether he's richt or no,  
By sairchin the speerit o' him.

## 3.

Lippen a' yer warks to the Lord,  
An' He'll straucht-oot for ye yer very thochts.

## 4.

The Lord has made ilka thing for an end o' its ain:  
Ay! e'en the wicked for the unco day that's comin.

## 5.

Ilka ane that's vauntie at the hairt o' him,  
Is uncolie dislikit by the Lord;  
He may collogue wi' onybody he likes,  
But he'll no jink the paikin that's waitin for him.

## CHAPTER XVI.

6.

By mercy an' by truth  
What's wrang is soopit oot-ower a'thegither:  
An' by the fear o' the Lord  
Men airt themsels clean awa frae what's wrang.

7.

Whan a man's gangins are to the Lord's likins,  
He gars the man's faes, nae less, gie him the lown side.

8.

Better wi' little, whaur there's richteousness,  
Than wi' muckle, whaur it's fleckit wi' cheaterie.

9.

A man may ettle his ain wey in his ain hairt,  
But it's the Lord Himsel wha airts his ilka fit-step.

10.

Whan the king gies his jidgment, he'll gie't as in the  
Lord's ain sicht:  
An' what may come frae his mooth 'll be nane contrar  
to that.

11.

Hae yer bauks fair,  
An' the Lord 'll ca' them His ain;  
An' sae wi' the wechts,  
An' the weeghin 'll be the Lord's wark.



CHAPTER XVI.

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12.

It's wrang, an' ower again wrang, for kings to mell wi'  
wicked pranks,  
For naething but richteousness can uphaud a throne.

13.

Kings wha are worth the name o' kings, gie respect to  
the richteous;  
An' they lo'e, abune the lave, the man wha speaks true.

14.

The anger o' a king is like the on-ding o' daith itsel;  
But a man o' cannic sense kens hoo to quaiten't doon.

15.

In the licht o' the king's coontenance there's the gliff  
o' life;  
An' his guid-wull is like the saft, seepin rain eftir the  
seed's been sawn.

16.

It's a hantle better to get wisdom than gowd:  
'Deed, to get guid understaun'in is far abune claughts  
o' siller.

17.

The upright airt their gangins oot-ower frae the wrang:  
Wha hauds on the straucht gate saves his ain saul.

## CHAPTER XVI.

18.

Pride gangs afore a dunnerin doon-come;  
An' a vauntie speerit afore a sossin tumble.

19.

It's better to be lown-hairtit alang wi' the puir,  
Than to be gangin shares in wrang alang wi' the prood.

20.

Whae'er gies tentie thocht to the word that's guid—  
That's the man wha'll fin' guid for himsel;  
An' whae'er trysts wi' the Lord—  
That's the man wha's aye maist blythesome.

21.

The wyse in hairt 'll be ca't the wyse by name:  
An' by cannie, couthie crack, a man lairns muckle mair  
for his ain guid.

22.

Wha has guid understaun'in gets a waucht o' life at  
the spring-heid:  
But, fornent that, tak thocht o' this o't—  
The schulin o' a fule maun a' be gotten oot o' his ain  
fulishness.

23.

The hairt o' a wyse man keeps his mooth weel instruckit,  
An' graiths his lips wi' the braws o' richt-kennins.

## CHAPTER XVI.

24.

Words that are cannie an' couthie,  
Are like a hinnie-kaim,  
Sweet an' gustie to the saul,  
An' guid health to the banes.

25.

There's siccan a thing 'as this—  
A road that a body taks, unbekent,  
Thinkin that it ettles richt eneuch;  
But at the hinner-en' o't  
Are the mirk, sliddry fit-pads,  
Whaur daith itsel gangs rampin about.

26.

The craikin o' hunger wad gar onybody tak to the  
darg;  
For the needs o' a man's mooth hae a fine wey o' tellin  
him—Ye maun.

27.

A glaikit craitur trokes wi' mischieff,  
An' his crack kinnles mony a blecze.

28.

A meddlesome body steers up mony a canglin:  
An' a clishmaclaiver sinders the best o' friens.

CHAPTER XVI.

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29.

A loon that's camsteerie may man' to come-ower his  
neighbour,  
An' wise him awa intil airts that'll no be guid for him.

30.

Wha steeks his een is like to be ettlin ill:  
Wha snecks his gab may be hatchin things o' mischief.

31.

A grey heid's a croon o' glorie,  
Whan ye see't gaun nod-noddlin alang the weys o'  
richteousness.

32.

Better the man o' the lown temper,  
Than the upsettin neibour cockit in heich autoritie;  
An' better the man wha rules weel his ainsel,  
Than the neibour wha taks a hale toon aneth his  
chairge.

33.

Ye may cast keivils gin ye like,  
But the Lord Himsel 'll settle the oots-an'-ins o' the  
hale maitter.

## CHAPTER XVII.

## Verse 1.

BETTER wi' a nirl o' an auld bannock,  
Whaur there's peace an' quaitness,  
Than a hale hoosefu' o' galraivagin,  
Whaur there's ill-wull.

## 2.

Effeirin to a servitor wha daes weel, hear this o't,—  
He'll hap ower the heid o' a son wha daes ill;  
An' whan the tocher comes a-dividin,  
He'll gang shares alang wi' the brithers.

## 3.

There's a pat for takin the orts oot o' siller,  
An' a scowtherin bleeze for the gowd;  
But it's the Lord, nane less, wha haunles the hairts o'  
men.

## 4.

The man wha swees to ill-daein himsel,  
Is gleg to herken to ony ill crack;  
An' a leear 'll open his lug to onybody,  
Wha'll waggle a tongue sic-like as his ain.

## CHAPTER XVII.

5.

Wha gecks at the puir, gecks at his Maker:  
Wha lauchs ower the dule o' his neighbour,  
He'll get something to greet for himsel.

6.

The croon o' auld men is the bairns o' their bairns;  
An' the glorie o' bairns is their faither.

7.

The flummeries o' the tongue befit-na a fule;  
An' muckle less dae lecin lips befit a prince.

8.

A braw praisent, to the ane that gets't,  
Is like a glisterin jewel;  
Turn't roun' aboot—this side an' that—  
It glisters an' leams the mair.

9.

Wha claps his thoom on ither folks' bits o' mistaks,  
Gets the hansel o' love;  
Wha hairps, an' hairps on, anent them,  
Dings sindry the best o' friens.

## CHAPTER XVII.

## 10.

A cannie reprimand gangs deeper intil ane wi' guid understaun'in,  
 Than a hunder skelps intil a fule.

## 11.

Wi' ill jogglin at the hairt o' him,  
 A man eggs himsel to thrawartness;  
 But, anent that, he'll hae a veevisor some day,  
 Wha'll no haunle him cannie!

## 12.

Better lat a man meet a bear, gaun rampin about for  
 her whalps,  
 Than meet a fule haiver-haiverin wi' nae gumption.

## 13.

Wha daes an ill turn for a guid ane dune to him,  
 May look for ill chasin himsel a' the days o' his life.

## 14.

Lat bickerin jist get a stert,  
 An' it's like the blash an' swirl o' water,  
 Whan ance a hole's been made;  
 Sae, gie ower yer argle-bargle  
 Afore ye get the length o' a rippet.

## CHAPTER XVII.

15.

Him that wad uphaud the wicked,  
An' him that wad ding doon the richteous,—  
Baith o' them the Lord abominates uncolie.

16.

Can ye tell me hoo it is,  
That e'en a fule wad bode an' niffer for wisdom,  
An' him the fule he's kent to be?

17.

A leal frien's aye leal;  
An' yer brither's yer brither against the warst that may  
befa'.

18.

A man wi' nae feck o' sense is aye makin ramstam  
offers,  
An' roarin, afore a'body, that he'll come-guid for  
onybody.

19.

Wha's keen on canglin, maun be keen on wrang-daein:  
Wha cocks himsel ower heich, 'll come doon wi' a waur  
clash.



CHAPTER XVII.

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20.

The body that's meddlin an' forritsome 'll ne'er come  
to ony guid:  
An' the craitur wi' an ill tongue maks mony sair pliskies  
for himsel.

21.

Wha gets a fulish laddie, gets a hantle o' grief wi'  
him;  
An' the faither o' a thochtless callan ne'er kens a  
faither's blythesomeness.

22.

A cantie hairt's the best o' medicine;  
But a dowie ane—ch! it's like pushion that bites to the  
bane.

23.

A man wha has nae conscience, cairries a bit bribe in  
his fecket-pooch  
For weisin straucht jidgment awa frae the straucht.

24.

The man o' mense has his een in his heid,  
An' he kens wisdom, see't whaur he likes;  
But the een o' the fule gang stravaigin, hereawa-  
thereawa,  
An' to nae guid ettlin, oot-ower a' the yirth.

## CHAPTER XVII.

25.

A thochtless laddie is a waesome trauchle to his faither,  
An' mony a sair, sair hairt to his mither.

26.

It's an uncolie like thing to wrang a man for daein  
richt:  
An' it's nae a wheet better to daud doon sic-like as  
uphaud what's guid.

27.

He's a man o' muckle sense,  
Wha keeps his crack raither jimp than jawin:  
An' as muckle can be said for him,  
Wha cairries a down temper.

28.

A fule, nae less, gin he only wad haud his tongue,  
Wad get credit for haein some gumption:  
Gin he only kent hoo to keep his gab steekit,  
He micht e'en pass for a man wi' a pickle sense.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

## Verse 1.

THE man that'll hae naething to dae wi' his neibours,  
Maun be eftir some sleekie ploy o' his ain;  
An' it'll be mair than a seeven days' wonner,  
Gin he's been thrang seekin wisdom!

## 2.

A fule has nae brue o' guid understaun'in;  
An', 'deed, that's hoo he lats ye ken that he's a fule.

## 3.

Whan the wicked are alloo't to tak the grup,  
Things gang clean scunnersome;  
An', ayont the scunner, there's something waur—  
There's black disgrace.

## 4.

The cracks o' some folk may aften be deep an' drumlie;  
But, atweel! this can aye be said for the oot-gauns o'  
wisdom—  
They're sweet an' clear like a bit wimplin burn,

## CHAPTER XVIII.

5.

It's a sair time whan the wicked hae respect pey't  
them:

Ay! whan they that hae been daein richt  
Are dang about as gin they had dune wrang.

6.

The gibble-gabble o' a fule is the cause o' mony a  
collieshangie;  
An' gin he got what he deserves, he wad get a gey het  
skelpin.

7.

The bletherin o' a fule 'll bring him to his hunkers  
belyve;  
An' his ain clish-clash 'll lay girns for his ain saul.

8.

The clitter-clatters o' a clishmaclaiver are unco gustie  
till him,  
An' he guzzles ower them himsel as gin they were a  
haggis.

9.

The man wha daidles ower his wark,  
Is a brither to him wha dings a' things sindry.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

10.

The name o' the Lord is a castle in itsel:  
The richteous rin intil't, an' ken weel what a lown bield  
they hae.

11.

The castle o' the rich man is his gear;  
An' the body thinks that he's dykit-roun' frae a' hairm.

12.

Eftir vauntie pride, a man 'll get a sair whummle  
ower;  
But eftir cannie lown-hairtiness, he'll be heized to  
muckle respeck.

13.

Wha gies a ramstam answer,  
Afore he weel kens what he's speakin about,  
Shames himsel by his want o' gumption.

14.

A man wi' a spunkie speerit can staun a gey trauchlin;  
But wha can be bauldsome wi' a sair hairt.

15.

A man o' mense lairns the mair the alder he growes;  
An' the man that's wyse is aye the-langer-the-keener  
on gettin richt-kennins.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

16.

A man wi' a kindly haun maks room for himsel;  
'Deed, ay! room among the best o' them.

17.

Wha tells his plea first, wad gar onybody believe that  
he's richt oot-through;  
But his neighbour comes on ahint him, an' pykes sindry  
a' he spak.

18.

Cast keivils for't, an' canglin 'll quat,  
An' dortie men 'll gang hame their ain gate in quait-  
ness.

19.

A brither that's been offendit is waur to get at than a  
toon gairdit by sodgers:  
Sic rippets are as dour to haunle as the airn-slots o' a  
castle.

20.

Afore a's dune, a man may hae to swallow an unco  
bellyfu', on account o' what he has said himsel:  
Or, on the contrar, he may hae a graun' supper o'  
satisfaction.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

21.

Baith daith an' life are in the poo'er o' the tongue;  
An' sic-like as keep it waggie-wagglin  
Maun tak the ootcome—either wey o't.

22.

Wha gets a guid wife gets a graun' tocher:  
'Deed, she's a hansel frae the Lord Himsel.

23.

The pair hae to speir—an' speak lown:  
The rich can answer as they like—an' roar.

24.

Gin ye hae ower mony friens, ye may be nocht the better  
o' the creelfu' o' them;  
But ae guid ane 'll stick closer than a brither.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## Verse 1.

BETTER be a puir man gangin the gate o' guid,  
Than tak the airts o' loopie leevin, an' be a fule.

## 2.

An' mair than that:—  
Dinna think it can be guid for ye,  
Gif ye mislippen richt-kennins;  
An' dinna be brattlin at a' things wi' a breinge,  
Or ye're shair to brattle wrang.

## 3.

It's a man's ain fulishness that cowps him aff his feet,  
Yet he wad try to lay the wyte o't on the Lord.

## 4.

Routh o' siller brings routh o' friens;  
But the puir are sair scrimpit o' baith.



## CHAPTER XIX.

5.

A fause witness 'll no get aff scaithless:  
An' a lecar 'll be nabbit some day.

6.

Mony a ane 'll seek the help o' him that's open-hairtit:  
An' ilka ane wad be the frien o' him that's open-haundit.

7.

E'en the brithers o' a puir man dinna like him;  
An' it's a kennin waur wi' his friens,  
For they jink him an' leave him to himsel;  
He can hoy eftir them gin he likes,  
But, na, na!—they've leggit awa.

8.

Wha sairches for wisdom till he fin's, lo'es his ain saul:  
Wha keeps't, eftir gettin't, gethers the maist guid o' ony.

9.

A fause witness 'll no get aff scart-free:  
An' a lecar 'll be soopit aff the yirth.

10.

Fules an' finerie are no weel match't:  
An' a servitor, wi' the upper-haun o' princes, is waur.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## 11.

A man's discreetness—gin he hae ony—'ll ettle him to  
keep a lown temper;  
An' he'll tak a pride in ower-lookin the bits o' mistaks  
o' ither folk.

## 12.

The anger o' the king is like the rampagin o' a lion;  
But his guid-wull is sic-like as the saft, seepin dew on  
drouthie gress.

## 13.

A fulish laddie is the hairt-brak o' his faither:  
An' the fasherie o' a fykie wife is like a dreep-dreepin  
o' water wi' nae end till't.

## 14.

Hooses an' gear are haundit doon frae faither to son;  
But a douce, eident wife is as guid's a tocher frae the  
Lord Himsel.

## 15.

Shauchlin laziness swykes a man to anither sleep;  
An' he'll daidle an' driddle awa the same wey o't,  
Till he's nocht left to stap in the howe o' his stamack.

## CHAPTER XIX.

16.

Wha keeps the commauns, keeps his ain saul:  
Wha doesna care a bodle what airt he taks,  
Pits himsel far yont intil the grups o' daith.

17.

Wha taks pecky upon the puir, len's to the Lord,  
An' Himsel 'll gie a bonnie hansel for the dacin o't.

18.

There's graun' houp for that laddie o' yours,  
Gin ye'll correck the callan weel:  
Better hae him greetin,  
Than hae him glaikit.

19.

Lat yon man o' the sneistie temper  
Dree the ootcome o' his ill tongue himsel;  
For, gif ye redd him o' ae pliskie the day,  
He'll be bummlin intil anither by the morn.

20.

Tak tent to cannie counsel,  
An' to guid advisins as weel,  
Whane'er ye get a glisk o' them;  
An' certes! as ye growe the aulder,  
Ye'll aye growe the wyser.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## 21.

A man may set up a hantle o' fine ettlins o' his ain ;  
But it's the ettlins o' the Lord that'll staun steively at  
the end o't a'.

## 22.

The better a man's hairt,  
The better is his kindliness:  
An' be a man e'er sae puir,  
He's muckle better than a leear.

## 23.

The fear o' the Lord airts to life, braw life:  
Wha has it for himsel, kens hoo weel it satisfies;  
An' nae ill ava 'll come in-ower to fash him.

## 24.

A lazy loon may maun this o't—  
To rax his haun to the bread-plate;  
But, hech me! it'll be gey sair wark for the lout  
Gettin't up the heicht o' his mooth.

## 25.

Lat the man wha gecks at guid  
Get the clour he weel deserves,  
An' the feckless, wha see't,  
Wull be a hantle the better for't:  
An', fornent that, lat the man o' mense  
Get a bit repruif whan *he's* needin't,  
An' he'll be rale prood aboot it,  
That he's muckle the better o't himsel,

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26.

Wha pits to wastrie what belongs to his faither,  
Wha pits his mither oot o' hoose an' hauden,  
Is a callan that splairges an ugsome slaiger on his ain  
name.

27.

Gif e'er ye think, my laddie,  
To quat herkenin to guid advisins,  
Then there's jist ae end o't—  
Ye'll gang far agley frae a' richt-kennins.

28.

A thrawart witness warples richt jidgment:  
An' the wicked are aye gaipin to swallow wrang.

29.

Jidgments are for sic-like as lauch at what's guid:  
An' skelps are for the backs o' fules.

CHAPTER XX.

Verse 1.

WINE'S a cheaterie sornor,  
Strang drink's an impident squabblor,  
An' onybody that gangs wrang wi' them is a big gowk.

2.

The rampagin o' a king is like the rowtin o' a lion:  
Wha eggs him to a tირivee had best tak care o' his ain  
heid.

3.

It's nae sma' credit to a man to keep himsel oot o'  
bickerins;  
But ilka fule 'll be breistlin intil them, ramstam.

4.

The lazy loon 'll no stert the plooghin,  
On pretence that the frost's no oot the grun' yet;  
An' sae, whan the hairst-time comes roun',  
He'll hae nae hairst, an' maun gang beggin.

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5.

Guid advice is like deep water—

It's ocht but easy gettin to the bottom o't;

But a man o' sense 'll fin' a wey, I'se wad,

For pykin't oot o' onybody that can gie't.

6.

The feck o' folk mak a big frac a about their ain kind-  
ness;

But whaur's the man that's steive an' leal whether he's  
kent or no?

7.

A guid man hauds on siccarlie in the gate o' guidness,  
An' his bairns eftir him hae the blessin o' bein' bairns  
o' the like o' him.

8.

A king wha jidges as ony king ocht to dae,  
Should fleg an' fley the wrang oot o' his sicht.

9.

Wha can daur to say this o't?—

*“ My hairt's soopit oot, an' clean,  
An' I hinna ae fleck o' wrang.”*

10.

Fause wechts, an' cheaterie bauks,  
Baith o' them the Lord abominates a'thegither.

## CHAPTER XX.

## 11.

A bairn, nae less, may be kent by what he daes—  
Whether it's dune oot o' a guid hairt, or in a richt wey.

## 12.

The lug for hearin, an' the een for seein,  
Baith o' them are the wark o' the Lord Himsel.

## 13.

Dinna be ower ta'en up wi' that bed o' yours,  
Or ye're shair to come to poortith:  
Be gettin up wi' the screigh o' licht,  
An' ye'se ne'er be scrimp o' bread.

## 14.

*“Wheetie-whautie, man! It's naething ava,”*  
Quo' the fause buyer;  
But, eftirhins, whan he's gane oot o' hearin,  
He craws hoo he's didd'l't him.

## 15.

Gowd in gowpens,  
An' routh o' rubies—  
But wha has richt-kennins  
Has a hantle better than the hale o' them.



## CHAPTER XX.

16.

Tak awa the duds o' the man,  
Wha wad fulishly come-guid for ony gangrel:  
An' haud tichtlie the man himsel,  
Wha wad come-guid for hauf-a-dizzen o' them.

17.

At the time o't,  
A man may think that the trick o' leein  
Tastes like a sugar-bannock;  
But, eftirhins,  
He'll hae to chow his ain lees  
As gin they were chuckie-stanes.

18.

Ilka ettlin o' men is made siccar by cannie counsel:  
An' gin fechtin maun be, then gang about it wi' the birr  
o' mensefu' discreetness.

19.

Wha raiks about as a clishmaclaiver, 'll be aften  
bletherin what he shouldna:  
Sae, haud weel yont yersel oot the gate o' the man wha's  
aye gaipin at the gabble.

20.

Whae'er bans his faither or his mither,  
Wull be left in the mirk, mirk nicht  
Wi' his cruise clean blawn oot.

## CHAPTER XX.

21.

A muckle tocher may be gotten a grup o' unco blythely  
at the first o't;  
But naething o' guid may come oot o't at the hinner-en'.

22.

Dinna be sayin,—

*“I'll pey the man back for his ill-daein to me.”*

Jist taigle awee, an' lippen the Lord Himsel—

He'll see that ye're richtit.

23.

The Lord abominates a'thegither wechts that are no  
what they ocht to be;  
An' the bauks that are cheaterie 'll jist no dae ava.

24.

The gates o' a man's gangins are in the Lord's ain  
hauns;  
Hoo, then, can onybody faddom ilka thing o' the wey  
he's airtit?

25.

That carl has girn't himsel sair,  
Wha cries oot ower sune,

*“O ay, it's a' richt;”*

An' eftir the promise he's gi'en,  
Begins to speir intil the maitter,  
Maybe to fin' that it's a' wrang.

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26.

The king that's wyse 'll wale oot the wicked,  
An' gie them a ticht dichtin through the threshin-mill.

27.

The speerit in-by a man is the Lord's ain lamp,  
An' the licht o't 'll sairch him oot till the benmaist  
neuk.

28.

Mercy an' truth hap the king in the best bield o' ony:  
Mercy is the uphaudden o' his throne.

29.

The brag o' young chiels is ower their stren'th:  
An' the bonnicness o' the auld is their grey pow.

30.

Bits o' scuds, wi' some stang in them, correck mony a  
wrang:  
They gang a hantle deeper than the het skin.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## Verse 1.

THE hairt o' the king is in the Lord's ain hauns:  
Like the runnle o' the bits o' burns,  
He airts't whaur He thinks richt.

## 2.

Ilka man thinks his ain wey the richt ane;  
But the Lord Himsel kens whether he's richt or no,  
By weeghin what's at the hairt o' him.

## 3.

To be even-doon an' even-haundit,  
Is mair to the Lord's likins  
Than ony kind o' offerin ye could mak.

## 4.

A vauntie look,  
An' a prood hairt—  
That's a' the licht that the wicked hae,  
An', certes! it's ocht but a guid ane.

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5.

The thochts o' the eident mak what they hae intil mair ;  
But sic-like as brattle on, thinkin nane, mak what they  
hae intil naething.

6.

Gear that's gotten by jookrie-pawkrie,  
Is like reek blawn hereawa-thereawa:  
Wha hunt for't are huntin themsels to daith.

7.

The wicked, by their ongauns, soop themsels clean awa,  
Because they dinna care a whussle whether a thing's  
richt or wrang.

8.

It's an unco crookit gate that's ta'en by the man wha  
ettles ill ;  
But the man wha ettles guid, hauds on deid-straucht.

9.

Better tak an airin' on the riggin o' the hoose,  
Than be inside o't, roomie tho' it be, wi' a fykie, flytin  
wumman.

10.

The wicked are aye hankerin eftir ill-dacin,  
An' they hae nae brue o' the guid neibour next door,  
Nae comins-an'-gauns wi' him ava.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## 11.

To the body that gecks at guid, gie a ticht paikin,  
An' the feckless 'll lairn sense by't;  
To the man o' mense, gie richt advisins,  
An' he'll aye lairn the mair.

## 12.

The richteous man has his ain thochts anent the  
wicked—  
They'll be bedunner't at the hinner-en' wi' a dreidfu'  
discomfishment.

## 13.

Wha steeks his lugs against the compliments o' the pair,  
May get nane to tak peety on him,  
Whan, some day, he's yirrin an' yaumerin himsel.

## 14.

A bit hansel, slippit intil a body's haun, may quaiten  
doon a temper, wonnerfu';  
An' some sma' praisent, jist frae yer fecket-pooch, may  
haud aff a bleeze o' anger.

## 15.

The richteous are rale blythe daein what's richt;  
But the wicked think it's a desperate trauchle whan  
they try't.

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16.

The man wha wauners awa frae the wey o' guid under-  
staun'in,  
Taks the gate that gangs straucht yont to the kirkyaird.

17.

Whae'er taks to gallivantin eftir pleesur, 'll pook himsel  
puir:  
Whae'er taks to drinkin an' galraivagin, 'll bring himsel  
doon to a claut o' cauld parritch.

18.

The wicked, withoot ettlin ony sic thing, may uphau'd  
the richteous,  
An' ill-doers, unbekent, may be stoops o' the upright.

19.

Better hae yer dwallin on a bare, birslet knowe-heid,  
Than in-ower wi' ony fykie an' yaffin wumman.

20.

There's braw gear an' scentit finerie in-by the haudens  
o' the wyse;  
But lat ony fule get in amang't, an' he'll mak a wawsome  
guddle o't in a jiffie.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## 21.

Wha hauds on in the wey o' weel-daein an' kindliness,  
Fin's life itsel, richteousness, an' muckle respeck.

## 22.

A wyse man speels ower the tap o' a toon-fu' o' knobbs,  
An' gies their upsettin silly consait an unco ding ower.

## 23.

Wha stecks his mooth an' hauds his tongue,  
Redds himsel frae mony a sair pliskie.

## 24.

The prood an' vauntie man—  
His richt name is Gecker at a' that's guid—  
He's aye bizzin hereawa-thereawa  
In the impident tantrums o' his pride.

## 25.

The naitur' o' the lazy loon lounders the life oot o'  
himsel,  
For he'll no dae a haun's-turn that he can lat alane.

## 26.

Some folk are aye glaumin in their greed frae mornin  
till nicht;  
But the richt-hairtit gie awa wi' an open loof.



## CHAPTER XXI.

27.

The offerin o' the wicked is naething less than scunner-  
some in itsel;  
An' it's a hantle waur, whan it's gi'en to hap his  
wickedness oot o' sicht.

28.

A witness that's fause 'll be dang clean dwable, afore  
a's dune;  
But the ane that tells what he kens, 'll say his say, nane  
claurin him.

29.

An ill-daein body hauds on, doursome, by his ain gate;  
But the upricht ettles his gangins frae his hairt.

30.

There's nae sic a thing e'er kent,  
As wisdom, or understaun'in, or coonsel,  
That can haud oot against the Lord.

31.

For the day o' battle there's an unco graithin o' horses,  
But the victory o't comes frae the Lord Himsel.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## Verse 1.

A GUID name is a hantle better than muckle humplocks  
o' gear;  
An' couthie guid-wull is far afore siller an' gowd.

## 2.

The rich an' the puir maun aften forgether:  
Baith o' them cam frae the Lord's ain haun.

## 3.

A man o' sense looks ahead a blink,  
An' gairds himsel against mischance;  
But a gowk gangs on wi' his een steekit,  
An' suffers weel for't.

## 4.

The hansel o' lown-hairtiness an' the fear o' the Lord  
Is guid gear, muckle respeck, an' life itsel.

## 5.

Brammles an' girns 'll fankle the feet o' wrang-doers:  
Wha wad gaird his ain saul, maun haud far oot-ower  
frae ony o' them.

## CHAPTER XXII.

6.

Airt a bairn's bairnheid in the richt gate,  
An' he'll haud on till't till he's auld an' grey-heidit.

7.

The rich hae the upper-haun o' the puir:  
An' the man that borrows siller 'll hae to beck an' boo  
to him he borrows't frae.

8.

Whae'er saws ill-daein 'll gether a sair hairst o' skaith  
on himsel:  
An' the rung he cairrit for daudin ithers 'll be snappit  
in twa.

9.

Mony blythe-biddens 'll come the wey o' the man that's  
kindly;  
For he ne'er lats the puir awa without a bite o' what's  
gaun.

10.

Gar the man wha gecks at guid flit at ance,  
An' bickerins 'll skedaidle alang wi' him:  
Ay! squabblin an' the shame o't 'll sune quat.

11.

Wha hauds clean the benmaist o' his ain hairt,  
For the couthie crack o' his lips  
The king himsel 'll be friens wi' him.

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12.

The skance o' the Lord bields the man o' richt-kennins;  
 But He'll cowp, heclie-golcerie, the man that speaks  
 deceiverie.

13.

The lazy loon roars oot—  
*“There's a lion gaun lowse oot-by:  
 I'll be clour't deid on the causey.”*

14.

The mooth o' an ill-deedie wumman is like a deep  
 sheuch:  
 Wha doesna bide in-by the likins o' the Lord 'll fa'  
 intil't.

15.

Thochtlessness an' bairnheid gang thegither;  
 But a bit taste o' the tawse 'll pit things a' richt.

16.

Whae'er herries the puir,  
 To gether gear to his ain haun;  
 Or whae'er gies awa  
 To sic-like as hae hantle already,  
 Maks a gey pookit hinner-en' for himsel.

## CHAPTER XXII.

*The worth o' the words o' the wyse.*

Verses 17-21.

Tak tent! An' be hearin the words o' the wyse,  
An' ettle yer hairt to a' the richt-kennins I'm tellin;  
For this 'll be ane o' the brawest o' plesurs ye'll ken,  
Gin ye'se haud by them, siccar an' leal,  
An' set up, on yer lips, the hale o' them a'.

That yer tryst may be wi' the Lord,  
This very day I've been airtin ye ben to their saicret:  
Ay! I've been tellin yersel.

Can ye say, that I hinna made plain to yer sicht  
The graun'est o' a', the heichest o' a',  
Anent things o' guid coonsel an' knowledge?

That jist yer ainsel may tak thocht o't,  
Hoo shair are the words o' the truth;  
That ilk ane o' the same ye may cairry awa  
An' ower again tell't to onybody that speirs.

22-23.

Dinna herry the puir, because he's puir,  
Nor ban the forfeuchan an' feckless;  
For the Lord Himsel 'll be takin their pairt,  
An' wae He'll bring doon on the croon o' a',  
Wha bring dule an' wae on them.

## CHAPTER XXII.

24-25.

Mak nocht o' frien'ship wi' a man wha's short in the  
temper,

An' keep yont oot the gate o' the crabbit;  
For, aiblins, ye nicht lairn to be like him,  
An' get a girn befankl't aboot yer ain saul.

26-27.

Dinna troke wi' sic-like as mak ramstam offers,  
Or far ower glegly come-guid for ither folks' debts:  
At the end o't, gin ye canna pey up,  
What'll ye say, gif they pook ye an' rook ye,  
An' leave-na a bed to lie doon on?

28.

Meddle nane wi' the auld laun-merks,  
That yer faithers afore ye set up.

29.

Ye see yon man wha's sae eident at his wark?  
Weel, that's the same wha'll speel among the best o'  
them,  
An' leave a' the orra-folk glowerin at the brae-fit.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*A denner wi' a " Dinna " anent it.*

Verses 1-3.

Gin ye should gang in-ower to yer denner  
 Wi' ane o' the knobbs about the place,  
 Dinna forget whas company ye're in;  
 An' raither pit a nick in that thrapple o' yours  
 Gif ye're ane o' the kind o' clamjamphry,  
 Wha mak a racket wi' their stamacks;  
 Dinna stech yersel wi' the falderals o' his buird,  
 For, tak ye my word on this o't,  
 Ye'll fin' a wheen o' the dishes  
 Nocht less than unchancy slysters.

*The trauchle eftir siller.*

Verses 4-5.

Dinna trauchle the life o' ye  
 Fecht-fechtin to get siller:  
 Quat the fulish thocht o't,  
 That ye can fen', an' can aye fen' weel for yersel:  
 Wad ye thirl yer very hairt, man,  
 To what, eftir a', canna be lippen't?  
 For the brawest gear ye can gether thegither  
 May sune flee awa,  
 Flicherin oot o' yer sicht  
 Like an eagle speelin the lift.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*Whaur there's greed there's a grudge.*

Verses 6-8.

Ne'er tak a bite frae the man whas een glint wi' greed;  
Ne'er hae a hanker for the falderals spread on his  
buid;

For he'll aye be at the thocht o' what it costs him:—

That's the kind o' man the body is.

“*Noo*,” he'll be sayin, “*help yersel*,

*Help yersel to onything;*”

But he doesna ettle a hait o't.

It's eneuch by itsel to turn the stamack o' ye

Over the pickle that ye've swallow't,

An' mak ye tak a soor, cauld grue

At his fair, fause crack.

9.

Dinna be crackin in the company o' a fule,

For the body 'll geck an' lauch at ony sense ye may  
speak.

*The Faither o' the faitherless.*

Verses 10-11.

Meddle nane wi' the auld laun-merks:

Set nae ill-ettl't fit on the yaird o' the faitherless;

For they hae Ane, wha'll keep tryst for them wi' nicht,

An' He'll staun up for them till yer face.

12.

Ettle yer hait to the gettin o' guid advisins,

An' len' yer lugs glegly to the words o' richt-kennins.



## CHAPTER XXIII.

*For the laddie's sake.*

Verses 13-14.

Dinna withhaud the antrin correckin  
 That ye ocht to gie to yer laddie,  
 Because ye'll be nane like killin him  
 Wi' ony skelps o' the tawse.

Na, na! An' tak thocht o' this:  
 That a bit scud, noos-an'-thans,  
 May e'en kep him back frae the gate  
 That sklents doon to the grave.

15-16.

My laddie, gin ye lairn to be wyse,  
 Ye'se mak me rale prood o' ye,—my ainsel:  
 'Deed, my hairt 'll be muckle uplift,  
 Whan I ken ye haud on by the richt.

*The wrang fash an' the richt fear.*

Verses 17-18.

Dinna fash yersel wi' ony jailousie  
 Anent sic-like as dae ill;  
 But, frae mornin till nicht,  
 Leeve in the fear o' the Lord;  
 For certes! there's a shair hansel for that,  
 An' the houp o' yer hairt 'll ne'er be sneddit awa.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*Haudin by the richt means haudin aff the rags.*

Verses 19-21.

Tak tent, my laddie, an' hae sense,  
An' kep yersel cannilie intil richt airts:  
Collogue nane wi' the dram-drinkers,  
Or wi' sic-like as hae an unco racket wi' their stamacks;  
For the drucken an' the gutsy 'll be brocht to poortith,  
An' thowlessness 'll cled ony man in raggit duds.

22.

Herken weel to yer faither, because he's yer faither,  
An' dinna lichtlie yer mither whan she's auld an' grey-  
heidit.

23.

For the truth pey onything,  
Niffer't for naething—  
Sae as ye get a close grup for yersel  
O' wisdom, an' soun' coonsel, an' guid understaun'in.

*For yer faither an' yer mither's sake.*

Verses 24-25.

The faither o' a guid laddie  
Wull be unco cantie ower him;  
An' gin the callan has got gumption as weel,  
He'll be rale prood o' him.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

Lat yer ain faither an' mither  
 Be fu' cantie ower yersel;  
 Ay! Yer mither, man!—  
 Lat her be prood o' her laddie.

26-28.

My laddie, gie yer hairt to mysel,  
 An' lat yer een tak delicht in the airtins I'm tellin;  
 For an ill-deedie wumman's a sorrowfu' ditch,  
 I tell ye, she's jist like a sheuch;  
 Man, she slinks an' jooks like a reiver;  
 She's rinkit a' roun' wi' nocht but deceiverie.

*The waesome wark o' the dram.*

Verses 29-35.

Wha has wae?  
 Wha has dule?  
 Wha has bickerins?  
 Wha has yaumerins?  
 Wha has clours an' cuts whaur nane need be?  
 Wha has the redness o' een?

Jist thae wha taigle ower the pint-stoup,  
 An' come again for anither dram o' this an' that.

I'se tell ye this:—  
 Tak yer een aff the wine whan it's red,  
 Whan it's lowin red in the gless,  
 An' ye'd fain fling't doon yer thrapple at a gulp.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

Afore a's dune, it'll pushion-bite ye like a serpent,  
An' stang ye like an ether.

Wi' yer blear't een ye'll be seein,  
As ye wat, a' the dreidfu' uncoss,  
An' wi' yer donnart mind ye'll be thinkin  
That ye're gaun through a' the uncannie ferlies;  
Aiblins dreamin that ye're trow-row-rowin  
In the howe o' the waves o' the sea,  
Or e'en cockit up on the tap o' a mast.

[An' a' the time, in yer drucken wammle,  
Ye'll be bletherin to yersel, an' sayin—]

*“ Somebody has dang me doon,  
An' I kent-na I was sair;  
Somebody has been daudin me wi' a stick,  
An' I wasna awaur o't;  
I wonner whan I'll wauken,  
An' I'se gang straucht back to the drink.”*

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*Ettlin mischieff.*

Verses 1-2.

DINNA fash yersel wi' jailousie ower sic-like as dae  
 ill;  
 Ne'er hanker ava for the company o' ony o' them:  
 For they're aye gleg eftir herryin somebody,  
 An', withoot devauld, their crack's anent mischieff.

*The hoose o' Wisdom: weel-biggit an' brow.*

Verses 3-4.

By wisdom the hauden o' life is weel-biggit;  
 By guid understaun'in the founds o't are siccarlic laid;  
 By richt-kennins the chaumers o't are bienly plenish't  
 oot-ower  
 Wi' a' the uncos an' wi' a' the brows it can haud.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*The pith o' sense.*

## Verses 5-6.

A man o' sense is a man o' stren'th;  
'Deed, the pith o' a man o' richt-kennins is aye growin  
mair:  
For, gangin by gumption, ye'll fecht alang brawlie;  
An' whaur there's routh o' cannie coonsellers there's  
a wey through.

## 7.

Wisdom is ower heich-up for a fule:  
He daurna unsteek his mooth among the lave.

## 8.

Wha lays his plans for ill-daein,  
Needna wonner gin he gethers an ill name.

## 9.

Whan fules think ava, they think o' wrang;  
An' whae'er gecks an' lauchs at ocht that's richt,  
Deserves naething frae his neibours but the cauld  
shouter.

## 10.

Gin ye lat yer hairt tak a sair dwaum,  
Whan things are gangin a kennin contrairy,  
Man, there canna be muckle smeddum about ye.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*Oorsel, oor neibour, an' Him abune a'.*

Verses 11-12.

To the best o' yer poo'er,  
 Redd yer neibours frae skaith;  
 Haud them back, a' ye can,  
 Frae the gruppins o' daith:  
 An' gin ye should say,—  
 “*We kent naething about it;*”  
 Wull-na He tak a thocht o't,  
 Wha sairches men's hairts?  
 Doesna He ken about it,  
 Wha keeps yer ain saul?  
 Winna He dail Himsel  
 Wi' ilk ane on the yirth  
 By the warks they hae dune?

*Tak a taste o' baith o' them.*

Verses 13-14.

My laddie, tak a pickle hinnie;  
 Ye'll fin' that it's guid—  
 Straucht frae the hinnie-kaim,  
 An' ye'll like it fu' weel.

An' by sic-like a token as that  
 Tak a taste o' wisdom itsel:  
 As sune's ye hae pree't it,  
 Ye'll ken that ye've got a braw hansel,  
 An', eftirhins, I'se warrant, that naething ava  
 Wull sned aff the houp o' yer hairt.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*Wha can, an' wha canna fin' their feet eftir a tumble.*

Verses 15-16.

Dinna be slinkin aboot, O ill-daein man,  
Wi' ill in yer hairt 'gainst the guid;  
Ettle nane o' yer wrangsome reivin  
On his hauden o' quaitness an' peace:

For the man wha's upricht in hairt,  
May stoiter an' tumble,  
Ay! seeven times ower,  
An' aye fin' his feet eftir a';  
But as for the wicked,  
Whan tribble comes on,  
They're cowpit clean ower,  
An' canna get up ava.

*Crawin ower croose.*

Verses 17-18.

Dinna be uncolie uplift,  
Whan yer fae's dang doon:  
An', whan he's tirl't tapsalteerie,  
Dinna be crawin ocht croose;  
For, aiblins, the Lord Himsel nicht see't,  
An' be nane pleased wi' yer ongauns;  
An' He nicht haud-aff the skaith frae him.



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19-20.

Dinna gie yersel ony fash anent wrang-doers,  
An' dinna be jailous ower the gettins o' the wicked;  
For the ootcome 'll be an unco clour to them,  
An' the caunle o' the wicked 'll be blawn oot.

21-22.

My laddie, haud on in the fear o' the Lord, an' that o'  
the king;  
Mell nane wi' sic-like as are aye on the swither:  
For I trow that their dule 'll come up in a gliff;  
An' wha kens o' the skaith that'll scowther them yet!

CHAPTER XXIV.

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Verse 23.

YE HAE AFORE YE A WHEEN MAIR

WYSE-SAYINS.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*Respeck o' persons.*

Verses 23-25.

To respeck ane afore anither in jidgment is an unco  
wrang:

Whae'er says to the wicked, "*Ye're wicked nane,*"  
Ither folks 'll wyte him, an' the lave 'll ban him sair;  
But sic-like as reprove ill-doers 'll be blythe in them-  
sels,

An' the blessin on their heids 'll no be a sma' ane.

26.

It's as guid's a kiss,  
Whan a body gies ye a blythe answer.

27.

Get the oot-by wark forrit,  
An' hae a' thing richt ootower the fields;  
An', eftirhins, ye can gang on wi' the biggin o' hooses.

*Dinna.*

Verses 28-29.

Dinna be a witness against yer neibour,  
Whan weel ye ken ye've nae occasion for't;  
Dinna be makin ony deceiverie  
Through what crack ye hae aboot him;  
Dinna be sayin—" *I'll pey him oot  
For what he's dune to me;  
I'll gie him tit for tat,  
Noo that I've the chance o't.*"

## CHAPTER XXIV.

*The yaird o' the feckless.*

Verses 30-34.

I gaed ower by the fields o' the lazy loon,  
An' ayont by the yaird o' the feckless:

Man, the hale o't was fankl't wi' brammles;  
The breidth o't was smooed wi' nettles;  
An' the dry-stane dyke was a' cuisten hereawa-there-  
awa.

Sic-like was the sicht that I saw,  
An', I'se wad, I had my ain thochts.

Mair than ance I took a swatch o't,  
An' ye'll hae an inklin o' what it tell't me about the  
tenant-body:—

*“ A wee thing mair o' sleep,  
Jist anither blink, man;  
Lat my shanks alane  
For an 'oor or twa.”*

That's the gate that poortith 'll pyke him like a reiver,  
An' sned aff a' his belangins,  
As gin they were whang't awa wi' a whittle.



CHAPTER XXV.

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Verse 1.

SOME MAIR O' THE WYSE-SAYINS O'  
SOLOMON,

GETHER'T AN' SCRIVEN BY THE MEN O'  
HEZEKIAH, KING O' JUDAH.

## CHAPTER XXV.

*Anent kings an' sic-like.*

Verses 2-7.

It's the glorie o' God  
 To hae mony a thing that nae man can ken;  
 But it's the glorie o' kings  
 To be sairchin intil a'thing they can.

The heavens for their heicht,  
 An' the yirth for its deepth,  
 An' the hairt o' kings—  
 Nane o' them a' can be seekit oot.

Tak awa the orts frae the siller,  
 An' there ye are—wi' what'll be dinkit intil a braw  
 caup:  
 Tak awa the wicked oot o' the gate o' the king,  
 An' his kingryck 'll be siccarlie set up in richteous-  
 ness.

Dinna be pitten yersel ower far forrit fornent the king,  
 An' staun'in, maybe, whaur bigger knobbs than yersel  
 should be;  
 For it'll be a hantle better to be tauld, "*Come up  
 heicher, man,*"  
 Than to be sent awa doon laigher,  
 An' a' this wi' the prince himsel seen the hale o't.

## CHAPTER XXV.

8.

Dinna stert a ramstam bickerin wi' onybody,  
For, aiblins, ye may no ken hoo to get through wi't,  
An' yer neibour nicht man' to get the upper-haun, an'  
discomfish ye.

9-10.

Crack ower ony maitter wi' yer neibour himsel;  
Gie an inklin to nane o' the saicret atween ye;  
In case, gin he hears o't, he wytes ye fu' sair,  
An' ye canna get quat o' the shame o't ava.

11.

A bit word, in the by-gaun,  
Baith couthie an' pat,  
Is like aipples o' gowd  
In creels o' siller.

12.

Like gowden rings at the lugs,  
An' like buskin o' gowden finerie about the breist,  
Sae is the man that gies wyse repruif  
To him wha's wullin to tak a tellin.

13.

Like a walcome waff o' cauld in the het time o' hairst,  
Sae is the trusty body to the folk wha sen' him an  
erran',  
For he maks them a' blythe, wha lippen till him.



## CHAPTER XXV.

14.

Like cluds an' wun without ony doon-fa',  
That's the man wha's aye braggin aboot himsel,  
But still-an'-on daein naething.

15.

By cannilie bidin yer time,  
Ye'se get the big man roun' to your wey o't;  
An' by a saft, fraisie tongue in yer chafts,  
Ye may sune get a' ye wantit.

16.

Hae ye got yer haun on a pickle hinnie?  
Weel, tak nae mair than's guid for ye;  
For, aiblins, ye micht wrang yer stamack,  
An' hae to spew't.

17.

Dinna set yer fit ower aften inside yer neibour's hoose,  
For, aiblins, he micht think that he could be daein wi'  
a hantle less o' yer company.

18.

A man wha tells lees anent his neibour—  
What'll we ca' him?  
An aix, an' a swurd, an' a sherp flane.

## CHAPTER XXV.

19.

In time o' tribble, lat's say,  
To lippen onybody wha canna be lippen't,  
Is like haein a sair shooglie teeth,  
Or a fit that's jirtit at the shin-banes.

20.

Like ane takin aff his cosie cleedin on a cauld nicht,  
Like vinegar set in collogue wi' nitre,  
Sae is the singin o' a cantie sang to a sair hairt.

*The hansel o' kindness.*

Verses 21-22.

Gin yer fae be stervin wi' hunger,  
Gie him a bit bite for his stamack;  
An' gin it's wi' drouth that he's craikin,  
Then slocken him wi' a waucht o' caller water:

For, by daein jist sic-like as that,  
Ye'll kill his ill-wull wi' yer kindness,  
An' mind ye o' this abune a'thing,  
Ye'se get a braw hansel frae the Lord Himsel.

23.

A nor'lan wun brings shoo'erie wather;  
An' the clish-clash o' ill-hairtit claiverers steers mony  
a blashin o' temper.

CHAPTER XXV.

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24.

Better tak an airin on the riggin o' the hoose,  
Than be inside o't, roomie tho' it be, wi' a fykie, flytin  
wumman.

25.

Like a waucht o' caller water  
To ane wi' an unco drouth,  
Sae is guid news frae friens in far-awa pairts.

26.

Like a drumlie spring,  
Whaur the water has been sair fyl't,  
Sae is a guid man wha gies-in to the wyles o' the  
wicked.

27.

It's an unchancy thing to eat muckle hinnie;  
An' it's nane less for folk to be aye bounce-bouncin  
about themsels.

28.

The man wha doesna haud a ticht grup o' his ainsel,  
Is like a toon o' brocken-doon hooses,  
Wi' the big wa's o't mullerin awa.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

## Verse 1.

LIKE snaw in simmer,  
An' like plash o' rain in the time o' hairst,  
Sae is the unseemliness o' the gowk  
Wha has got himsel cockit up as gif he were somebody.

## 2.

Like the sparrow flicherin hereawa-thereawa,  
Like the swallow jinkin aboot in the lift,  
Sae the ban, wi' nae cause for't, lichts on naebody.

*Anent the haunlin o' fules an' sic-like.*

## Verses 3-12.

A whup for a horse,  
A tether for a cuddy,  
An' a big rung for the back o' fules.

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Dinna answer a fule wi' fulishness like his ain,  
Or, weel I wat! ye'll maybe turn a fule yersel.

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Answer a fule wi' fulishness like his ain,  
Or the craitur may act'wally think that he's turn't a  
wyse man.

CHAPTER XXVI.

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Wha lippens an erran' to a thowless coof,  
Sned's aff his ain feet,  
An' maun e'en dree the ootcome.

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The shanks o' the hirplin are a kennin shooglic:  
An' the cracks o' the fule are something seemilar.

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Think o' a pockfu' o' jewels  
'Mang a humplock o' stanes:  
That's like the man wha'll gie hoose-room to a gowk.

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Like the prog o' a thorn  
In the loof o' a drucken man,  
Sae is a sensible story  
Whan it gets intil the maundrels o' fules.

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Like ane shuitin flanes hereawa-thereawa,  
Hurtin onybody,  
Sae is the man wha hires gomerals,  
Or fees gangrels.

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Like a doug that gangs back to its spewins,  
Sae is a fule wha plays the sumph ower an' ower again.

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Ye see yon man wi' an unco consait o' himsel?  
Weel, I'm tellin ye, there's mair houp o' a feckless loon  
than o' him.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

*Anent the lazy lout.*

Verses 13-16.

The lazy lout is aye roarin—

*“ Eh, man! there’s a lion lowse oot-by;  
There’s a lion rampin about the causey.”*

Like the door sweein back an’ forrit on its hinges,  
Sae the lazy loon aye gies himsel anither ower-turn on  
his bed.

A lazy chiel may man’ this o’t—

To rax his haun to the bread-plate;  
But, hech me! it’ll be gey sair wark for the loon  
Gettin’t up the heicht o’ his mooth.

A lazy, shauchlin body ’ll aften brag mair about his  
ain daeins,  
Than wad seeven men, wha could brag wi’ guid raison  
for’t.

17.

The man wha mells, in the by-gaun,  
Wi’ bickerins that hae nae belangin to him,  
Is like ane that taks a doug by the lugs.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

18-19.

Like a man gane clean wud,  
 Wha flings about him bleezin rungs, flanes, an' daith,  
 Sae is the man wha warks cheaterie wi' his neibour,  
 An' says, whan a' comes oot eftirhin,  
 " *Man, dae ye no see that it was nocht but daffin?* "

20.

Whaur the kin'lin wud's scrimp,  
 The ingle gangs oot;  
 An' whaur there's nae clishmaclaiver,  
 Bickerins are putten an en' till.

21.

Like mair coal on het shunners,  
 Like mair wud on the ingle,  
 Sae is a contramachious body to the settin-up o' collie-  
 shangies.

22.

The clitter-clatters o' a clishmaclaiver are unco gustie  
 till him,  
 An' he guzzles ower them himsel as gin they were a  
 haggis.

23.

Whan oot o' an ill hairt come fair-spoken words,  
 That's like an auld, crackit cheenie-bowl  
 Dinkit up wi' siller-flummeries.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

*A fair but fause frac.*

Verses 24-26.

Wha has ta'en a dislike to yersel  
May mak a frac wi' his tongue,  
But nocht save deceiverie  
Hauds at the hairt o' him.

Whan he cracks fu' fraisie,  
Dinna believe him ava;  
For, aneth what he says,  
There's a hantle o' ill.

Lat him hap, as he may,  
His dislike wi' pretence,  
It'll brattle oot yet  
In the sicht o' the lave.

27.

Wha howks a sheuch, may tumble in't himsel:  
Wha taks to trowin stançes, may hae them stottin aboot  
his ain croon.

28.

A lecin tongue hates ilka ane it hurts:  
An' a mooth that's aye fraise-fraisin daes nocht but  
hairm.



## CHAPTER XXVII.

## Verse 1.

YE needna brag ower the morn,  
For ye ken-na what it micht bring ye.

## 2.

Lat some ane else fraise ye:  
Dinna dae't yersel—  
Some ootral body;  
An' keep yer ain gab steekit.

## 3.

A stane's a deid-solid,  
An' saun' has a wecht o' its ain;  
But the bletherin botheration o' a fule—  
That's waur to pit-up wi' than baith o' them.

## 4.

Crabbitness is cruel,  
An' anger dings a';  
But wha can thole against jailousie?

## 5.

Better repruif gi'en aff-loof,  
Than love keepit in hiddlins.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

6.

Leal are the lounders o' a frien;  
But a fae 'll gie kisses galore.

7.

The fu' stamack grues at the sicht o' a hinnie-kain;  
But, to ane that's howe an' yap, e'en a soor bite 'll be  
sweet to pree.

8.

Like a mither-bird that has lost track o' her nest,  
Sae is the man wha has waun'er't far awa frae his hame.

9.

Sweet oyles an' scentit gear bring refreshin:  
An' sae wi' the couthieness o' a guid frien,  
Wha comes in-by wi' his hairtsome crack.

10.

Dinna negleck aither yer ain frien or yer faither's;  
An' dinna be rinnin awa ower hetly to yer brither  
Whan ony antrin mishanter may befa':  
Better a guid neibour next door t'ye  
Than a brither far awa.

11.

My laddie, lairn to be douce,  
An' ye'se mak me fu' cantie at hairt;  
Synce I'll be nane sweirt to contrar onybody,  
Wha wad daur to cast-up onything.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

12.

A man o' sense looks weel ahead o' him,  
 An' gairds himsel against mischance;  
 But a sumph gangs on wi' his ecn steekit,  
 An' suffers weel for't.

13.

Tak awa the duds o' the man  
 Wha's silly eneuch to come-guid for ony fremit  
 body;  
 An' haud the man himsel  
 Wha wad come-guid for an ill-deedie wumman.

14.

Gin a man maks an unco fracca aboot some frien'ship,  
 Gettin up by the screigh o' the mornin to keckle ower't,  
 Folks 'll hae their ain jaloosins anent it.

15-16.

A geyan wat day, dreep-dreepin a' through,  
 An' a contramachious wumman are something seemilar:  
 Ony man nicht jist as weel hae an ettlin  
 To tak a haud o' the wun', as to haud her,  
 Or to grup ocht that's creeshie wi' his richt haun.

17.

Airn sherpens airn;  
 Sac ae frien sherpens up anither.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

18.

Wha growes the tree 'll gether the frute:  
Wha gies leal service 'll get muckle respeck.

19.

As in cawm waters ye get a keek o' yer ain face,  
Sae the hairt o' ae man answers to anither.

20.

The grave an' the ill-place 'll no be satisfet:  
An' for that pairt o't, naither wull the gaipin greedy  
cen o' men.

21.

There's a pat for takin the orts oot o' siller,  
An' a scowtherin bleeze for the gowd:  
An' whether or no a man's a man,  
Ye'll ken whan he's uncolie fraised.

22.

Gin ye were to broizle a fule in a mortar-stane,  
An' grun' him to stoor amang the aits,  
Aiblins ye wadna man', e'en at that,  
To ding the senselessness oot o' him.

CHAPTER XXVII.

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*Tentie fermin, an' the ootcome o't.*

Verses 23-27.

See till't that ye ken hoo the yowes are gettin on,  
An' be as tentie's ye can over the kye:

For gear, like ocht else, is no for aye;  
An' wha e'er saw e'en a croon't king,  
'That had leev'd frae the day o' oor great-great-  
graun-faithers?

The hey is putten up in the stack,  
An' the new gress begins to be growthie,  
An' the craps frae the braes are in-gether't.

Frae the sheep ye'll get yer cleedin;  
The goats 'll help to pey the rent;  
Ye'll get goats' milk eneuch for yersel,  
An' for a'body else 'boot the hauden;  
No to speak o' providins for yer lassies.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

## Verse 1.

THE wicked rin awa whan there's naebody rinnin eftir  
them ;  
But the richteous are as birrin-bauld as a lion.

## 2.

Whan the feck o' a nation gangs wrang,  
The wyte o't maun lie wi' mony in heich places ;  
But whaur things are uphaudden by men o' mense,  
There's nae fear o' the kintra.

## 3.

A gruppin body, wha herries the puir,  
Is like a blashin spate that taks a' the craps afore't.

## 4.

Wha ettle to jink the commauns themsel,  
Are gleg to fraise the wicked :  
Wha ettle to keep them,  
Contrar the ill-doers a' they can.

## 5.

Folk that hae ill in their ain hairts canna understaun'  
richt jidgment ;  
But sic-like as tryst wi' the Lord understaun' brawlie.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

6.

Better be a puir man leevin in an upright wey,  
Than a man wi' a hantle o' braw gear,  
Wha tries a' the loopie tricks he can think o'.

7.

He's a wyse callan wha hauds by the biddens gi'en him ;  
But the ane that gallivants wi' galraivagers 'll bring  
shame on his ain faither.

8.

Wha warks by fee o' cheaterie,  
To mak his siller muckle mair,  
Haurles't thegither for somebody else comin on ahint  
him,  
Wha'll, aiblins, hae peety on the puir.

9.

Wha turns awa his lug frae the biddens o' the  
commauns,  
Canna expeck his prayin to dae him ony guid.

10.

Wha wyles the upright agley intil wrang,  
Himsel 'll gang ower wi' a slaigerin soss,  
Heid-ower-heels, in the sheuch that his ain hauns  
howkit ;  
But the tocher o' a' that's guid 'll come to the richteous,  
belyve.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

11.

The man wi' the fu' wallet may think a dale o' himsel;  
But the puir man wi' some gumption 'll sune pyke the  
consait oot o' him.

12.

Whan the richteous hae the best o't,  
There's graun' occasion for blythesomeness;  
But gin the wicked get their shanks on the riggin,  
It's high time for stappin oor heids oot o' sicht.

13.

Whae'er trokes wi' ill-daein, in hiddlins, canna come to  
ony guid;  
But whae'er owns his faut, an' quats't, 'll be forgi'en.

14.

The man's aye blythe,  
Wha leeves in the fear o' the Lord;  
But sic-like as are cauld an' dour at hairt  
Tummle intil tribbles o' their ain makin.

15.

Like a rowtin lion,  
An' a rampin bear,  
Sae is a wicked man  
Wi' the upper-haun o' puir folk.

16.

Ony prince, wi' nae muckle gumption, is like to be a  
herryin loon;  
But the ane wha dislikes, uncolie, the glaumin o' greed  
'll see braw days.



## CHAPTER XXVIII.

17.

The man that has fleckit himsel wi' somebody's blude  
Is staucherin straucht on to the mirksome hole:  
Haud aff him!

18.

Wha airts the richt 'll fin' that the wey's redd for him;  
But wha taks the crookit gangins 'll sune get a dreidfu'  
doon-come.

19.

Wha struissles along an' sticks in at the fermin 'll pang  
his girnals fu';  
But onybody that gallivants wi' the glaikit 'll toom  
his ain awmries.

20.

A man that's siccar in richt-daein is rinkit roun' wi'  
blessins;  
But the ane that's gleg aboot naething ayont the gruppin  
o' mair gear 'll get his paikins for't some day.

21.

To respeck ae man afore anither is far frae richt:  
An' it's a geyan peetifu' thing, atweel!  
Whan onybody's eggit to wrangsoms weys o' daein  
For the act'wal want o' a bite o' bread.

22.

The man wi' the gaipin, greedy een  
Is aye brattlin eftir mair gear:  
An' the silly body's no awaur o't,  
That poortith may be hechlin at his heels.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

23.

Wha gies a bit reuprif to the ane in need o't, wull be  
mair respeckit eftirhin,  
Than gin he had been aye fraise-fraisin him wi' a saft  
gab.

24.

The laddie that steals frae his faither or mither,  
An' says, "*Aweel, whaur's the wrang o't?*"  
Is a callan wha's dingin ower his ain feet.

25.

The man that's aye glaumin eftir something raises  
mony a het shindie;  
But he that trysts wi' the Lord growes sonsie at the  
hairt o' him.

26.

Wha lippens to nane but himsel is a fule:  
The wyse ken better, an' hae a better stoop.

27.

Wha gies to the puir 'll ne'er be scrimp himsel;  
But whae'er steeks his een to their need 'll dree the  
warst.

28.

Whan the wicked ride the riggin,  
Folks are gleg to get their heids oot o' sicht ony-  
whaur;  
But whan they're dang doon,  
The richteous hae a braw time o't.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

## Verse 1.

WHA hears the reprimand he weel deserves,  
But hauds on his ain gate dourer than afore,  
Wull be brangl't to flinders when he's nane expectin't,  
An' that ayont remeid.

## 2.

Whan the richteous hae the best o't,  
Folk are as blythe as laverocks;  
But whan the wicked get their shanks ower the riggin,  
Eh! but the lave are the dowie anes.

## 3.

The laddie that wales the wey o' wisdom  
Maks his faither rale cantie;  
But gin he taks the gate o' ill-deedie weemen,  
He'll gang a' to pigs an' whussles.

## 4.

The king, by even-doon judgments,  
Keeps his kintra on a shair foond;  
But gin he taks the scraipens o' scafferie,  
He'll cawp it to the laigest.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

5.

The man wha's aye fraise-fraisin at his neibour  
Is spreadin a net to warple him.

6.

In the wrang dune by ae ill-doer  
There's a girn that may sneck mony anither;  
But the upright are nane besturtit ower't;  
Atweel! they gang on liltin blythely.

7.

The richteous tak a tentie care ower the lot o' the pair:  
The wicked hinna the hairt to tak ony thocht o't.

8.

Wha geck at the richt,  
Set girns for a' in the toon;  
But wyse folk are the skonce o' their neibours  
Frae the days o' dowiest dreid.

9.

Gin a man o' sense alloos himsel till't,  
An' gangs argle-barglin wi' a gomerai,  
He may rampage aboot it,  
Or he may lauch ower't,  
But, aither wey, he'll mak naething o't.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

10.

Sic-like as ettle the warst,  
 E'en to the drawin o' blude,  
 Uncolie dislike the upright;  
 'Deed, they wad hunt for the life o' him,  
 Gin they had ony antrin chance.

11.

A camshauchle body lats a' his anger brattle oot;  
 But a wyse man hauds a siccar grup o't,  
 An' cannilie quaitens't doon.

12.

Gin ony ane in heich autoritie len's his lug to lecin,  
 A' his servitors 'll gang the gate o' ill-daein at the tail  
 o' him.

13.

The puir man an' the man that herries him forgether in  
 the lang-run:  
 Ay! An' the Lord Himsel 'll unsteek the een o' them  
 baith some day.

14.

The king wha jidges the puir in a' guid faith,  
 Siccarlie sets his ain throne on the shairest foond.

15.

A bit skelp wi' the tawse an' a gliff o' reprimand  
 Bring better sense to the fore;  
 But lat a bairn get a' he wants his ain wey,  
 An' he'll shame his ain mither.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

16.

The mair that the wicked gang bizzin about,  
The mair are the wrangs that are wrocht:  
But bide awee, jist bide awee;  
The richteous 'll see them dang doon afore lang.

17.

Gie yer callan the correckin that he needs,  
An' ye'll hae nae fash wi' him:  
'Deed, ye'll hae muckle occasion, atweel!  
For bein' rale prood o' the laddie.

18.

Whaur the ben-maist meanins o' things are no gruppit,  
The feck o' the folk gang a' agley;  
But whae'er haud on by the heichest commauns  
Gang forrit brawlie wi' a cantie hairt.

19.

It's a kittle concern sayin ocht to correck a servitor,  
For, tho' he be gleg enuch at the uptak,  
He may be dour to dae what ye tell him.

20.

Ye ken yon man wha pokes a ramstam tongue intil a'  
affairs?  
Weel, there's mair houp, I wat, for a fule than for him.

21.

Wha brings up, wi' tentie care an' kindness, a servin-  
bairn frae bairn-heid,  
Maks a son o' him for his ain auld age.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

22.

A thrawart body is aye steerin up rippets,  
An' ony ill-temper't loon is aye stappin himsel intil  
some new faut.

23.

Upsettin pride 'll bring a man laigh eneuch afore a's  
dune;  
But cannie lown-hairtitness 'll tak the gree among the  
lave.

24.

Wha gangs hauvers wi' a thief,  
Daes the warst for his ain saul:  
He's weel eneuch awaur o' the wrang,  
But hauds his thoom on the ploy,  
An' ne'er says eechie nor ochie.

25.

The fear o' man 'll fankle onybody's feet;  
But whae'er trysts wi' the Lord kens the brawest bield.

26.

Mony mak an unco frac  
To swee to their ain side the big man's guid-wull;  
But, at the hinner-en' o't,  
A man's jidgment is settled by the Lord Himsel.

27.

The ill-daein are dislikit uncolie by the richteous:  
An', weel I wat, the upricht are as muckle abominated  
by the wicked.

CHAPTER XXX.

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Verse 1.

THE WORDS O' AGUR THE SON O' JAKEH:  
HIS WYSE-SAYINS.



## CHAPTER XXX.

*HIM ABUNE A'—*

*Can His name be kent?*

Verses 1-4.

I'm weary't o' mysel, O God,  
I'm weary't o' mysel, O God;  
I'm dwinin awa.

For shairly there's mair o' the brute-naitur in mysel  
than in ony,  
An' shairly I've nane o' the guid understaun'in o' a  
man:  
I'm fley't that, as yet, I hinna come-at the true wisdom,  
Or gotten ben, far ben, to the kennin o' the Haly Ane.

Wha has speel't to the glorie o' the heavens, or come  
doon there-frac?  
Wha has gether't the wun' in the howe o' his haun?  
Wha has row't the deeps o' the sea in his lap?  
Wha has foondit weel a' the en's o' the yirth?

What can be the name o' him?  
An' what can be the name o' his son,  
Gin ony o' ye ken?

## CHAPTER XXX.

*The word ye can tryst wi'.*

Verses 5-6.

Ilka word o' oor God  
Is weel proven an' shair;  
Like a shield He'll be bield  
To a' trystin wi' Him.

Pit nae words o' yer ain  
To the words He has gi'en,  
Lest yours binna true,  
An' reproof fa's upon ye.

*Atween the twa.*

Verses 7-9.

Twa things I hae been speirin o' ye;  
Afore I dee, I wad fain hae three:

Tak awa frae me the fushionless an' the fause;  
Gie me naither poortith nor routh o' gear;  
Jist sen' me the providin that's a needcessitie:  
For, gin I had a hantle in haun,  
I nicht be forgettin yersel,  
An' nicht daur to say, "*Wha's the Lord?*"  
Or, gin I were scrimp, I nicht steal,  
An' lichtlie the name o' my God.

## CHAPTER XXX.

10.

Speak nae ill o' a servin-man till his maister,  
 For maybe he'll ban ye for yer pains,  
 An' wyte ye as mair in the wrang yersel.

*Folk we ken.*

Verses 11-14.

There are folk we ken,  
 Wha ban their faithers,  
 An' hae nae guid word for their mithers.

There are folk we ken,  
 Wha think themsels without a fleck,  
 But, hech me! the clarty slaigers on their character  
 want some dichtin yet.

There are folk we ken—  
 Eh! but they've vauntie een,  
 An' the looks o' them are as prood as paicocks.

There are folk we ken,  
 Whas teeth are like swurds;  
 Whas bite cuts like whittles:  
 They'd herry the puir aff the face o' the yirth,  
 They'd fain hae the needy an' helpless  
 Clean soopit awa frae 'mang men.

## CHAPTER XXX.

*Ne'er eneuch.*

## Verses 15-16.

The horse-leach has twa dochters—Gie, Gie;  
There are three things that canna be satisfet;  
'Deed, fower o' them that dinna ken hoo to say,  
Eneuch.

The grave itsel;  
The wumman wi' nae bairns o' her ain;  
The yirth that's birslet for want o' water;  
An' the ingle-lowe;—  
That'll ne'er say, Eneuch.

## 17.

The een o' the laddie wha gecks at his faither,  
An' snirts at the biddens o' his mither,  
Wull be dabbit some day by the corbies o' the glen,  
An' by the young o' the eagles frae the craigs.

## CHAPTER XXX.

*Wonnerfu' things.*

Verses 18-19.

There are, aiblins, three things sae wonnerfu',  
 That they're clean ayont me;  
 'Deed, I nicht say fower:

The wey o' an eagle in the heichs o' the lift;  
 The wey o' a serpent sprauchlin on the grum;  
 The wey o' a ship in the mids o' the sea;  
 An' the wey o' a lad an' a lass.

20.

Sic-like is the ongaun o' an ill-deedie wumman—  
 Whan she's dune guzzlin, she gies her mooth a dicht,  
 An' quo she, "*Whaur's the wrang o't?*"

*Ayont tholin.*

Verses 21-23.

For three things the yirth taks a trimmlin,  
 Ay! for fower, that it canna thole:

For a servitor turn't a king;  
 For a fule wi' his wame weel-stockit;  
 For a tawpie wumman whan she's mairrit;  
 An' for a lassie wha's fa'n heir to her mistress.

## CHAPTER XXX.

*Wee but wyse.*

Verses 24-28.

Fower things on the yirth are o' nae bouk ava,  
Yet they're uncolie wyse:

The Ants ye wad think were but feckless,  
But lay-by their providin in simmer;  
The Conies are blate bits o' beasties,  
But bield in the boles o' the craigs:  
The Locusts hae nane to ca' king,  
But forgether in bauns for their reivin:  
The Lizard, sae sma', yer gowpen wad haud,  
But she'll speel to the prince's ha'.

*Sae brow in the gangin.*

Verses 29-31.

There are three things,  
That are brow in the gangin to look at;  
'Deed, I ocht to say fower,  
That are brow in the gangin:

The Lion, sac mighty amang beasts,  
That'll turn tail for nane;  
An' there's the Grew-houn';  
An' the Billy-goat;  
An' then there's the King,  
Whan he mairches at the heid o' his army.

CHAPTER XXX.

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*The fash o' fulish forritsomeness.*

Verses 32-33.

Gif ye've been a kennin fulish,  
Aiblins, in makin an unco racket about yersel;  
Or gif the ettlins o' yer thochts  
Hae been airtit the wey o' the wrang,  
Syn e clap yer loof ower yer mooth:

For the kirnin o' milk brings up the butter,  
An' a snyte on the nose draws the blude,  
Sae a bleeze o' ill-temper causes mony a shindie.

CHAPTER XXXI.

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Verse 1.

THE WORDS O' KING LEMUEL:

THE WYSE-SAYINS

TAULD HIM BY HIS MITHER.



## CHAPTER XXXI.

*A mither to her laddie, wha's a king.*

Verses 2-9.

WHAT'S this o't, my laddie?  
 What's this o't, bairn o' my ain?  
 What's this o't, bairn o' my vows?

Gie nane o' yer stren'th ower to weemen,  
 An' tak nane o' thae wrangsome gates,  
 That can whummle doon kings themsels.

It's no for kings, O Lemuel,  
 It's no for kings to be daiblin wi' wine;  
 An' it's no like princes ava,  
 To be roarin, "*Whaur's that drink?*"

Aiblins, they'll mak themsels the waur o't,  
 An' mislippen the pleas brocht afore them,  
 An' by their crookit jidgments  
 Dae mair wrang to helpless craitur.

Lat the drink gang to him  
 Wha's forfeuchan wi' tribble,  
 An' the wine to sic-like  
 As is dowie at hairt:

Lat him be haein't,  
 An' poortith 'll be forgotten,  
 An' a' his dule an' wae  
 Wull jink awa oot o' kennin.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

An' tak ye speech in haun for ony  
Wha canna speak for themsel;  
Tak the pairt o' them a'  
Wha hae nae friens to fen' them:

I'm tellin ye, tak speech in haun yersel;  
Jidge, as ye ocht, richteouslie;  
An' by a' the puir an' the needy  
Dail straucht an' even-doon.

*A weel-meanin, weel-daein wumman.*

Verses 10-31.

A douce an' guid wumman—  
Wha'll man' to get her for himsel?  
For the worth o' her  
Is far abune jewels, red-sinkinlin.

The hairt o' her ain guidman lippens her brawlie,  
An' mony's the blessin she brings him;  
It's guid that she daes him, an' nae ill ava,  
A' the days o' her life.

She's gleg on the sairch baith for woo' an' for lint,  
An' aye wi' her hauns is as eident as can be;  
She's e'en like the ships o' the wide-rowin sea,  
She draws her providin frae far-awa pairts.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

She's up in the mornin by the screigh o' licht,  
Makin ready for a' 'boot the hauden,  
An' reddin the wark for the lassies.

She taks thocht o' an acre or twa, peys the mailin,  
An' oot o' her ain hainins maks a braw gairden o't:  
She's nane laith to kilt her coats to the wark hersel,  
An' steively pit tae her hauns.

She's quite weel awaur that the wallet's the better o'  
her;  
An' the licht o' her cruisie glimmers intil the nicht:  
She keeps hersel thrang wi' the rock-an'-the-tow,  
An' fu' cantie ower the spinnin-wheel.

But, for a' that, she's an open-hairtit body to the puir,  
An', e'en to gangrels, she's kent to hae a raxin haun.

She's nane fley't for the snellest snaws o' the owrie  
winter,  
For ilk ane o' the hoose is cled in her hame-spun  
plaiden:  
She's nackie at the makin o' rugs, dinkit wi' tirlie-  
wirlies;  
An' her ain buskin's the finerie o' linen.

Her guid-man is weel-kent at the merket,  
An' afore the public taks the croon o' the causey wi'  
the best o' them.

## CHAPTER XXXI.

She maks cleedins o' the woven lint, an' niffers them,  
An' sells belts an' braws to the cadgers.

She's weel set-up, sonsie, an' shair o' hersel,  
An' lauch's at the glunch o' the time comin on.

She cracks fu' doucelie,  
An' aye wi' the law o' kindness on her tongue:  
Wi' tentiest care she man's a' the affairs o' her hoose,  
An' eats-na a bite o' idle doon-sittin.

Her bairns growe up aroun' her, an' think a dale o'  
her;  
An' as for her ain guid-man, he's fraisin her a' 'oors:—  
*“Mony's the dochter that has dune unco weel,  
But there's nane to haud the caunle to yersel.”*

Crackin o' ane abune anither is ticklish wark,  
An' bonnieness itsel is only for a gliff;  
But a wumman wi' the fear o' the Lord  
Is ane that canna be dawtit eneuch;  
Lat a' her weel-daein, in this thing an' that,  
Be putten doon clear to her credit,  
An' sae lat the lave ken richtly aboot it,  
Lat the lave o' folks ken hoo she ocht to be laudit.



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## GLOSSARY.

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### A.

Abreid, abroad.  
Ac, one.  
Aefauld, single-hearted; sincere.  
Afore, before.  
Agley, awry; astray.  
Aiblins, perhaps.  
Ain, own.  
Ainsel, own self.  
Airn, iron.  
Airn-slots, iron-bars.  
Airt, *n.* direction.  
Airt, *v.* to direct.  
Aits, oats.  
Alloo't, allowed.  
Anent, concerning.  
Aneth, beneath.  
Antrin, occasional.  
Argle-bargle, to dispute.  
Athort, athwart.  
Atweel, assuredly.  
Ava, at all.  
Awaur, aware.  
Awee, a little while.  
Awmous, alms.  
Awmrie, cupboard.  
Ayont, beyond.

### B.

Back-draw, disadvantage.  
Ban, *n.* curse; denunciation.  
Ban, *v.* to denounce, abuse.  
Bane, bone.  
Bannock, cake.  
Bauks, balances.  
Bauldsome, bold.  
Beck, to bend.  
Bedunner, to astound.  
Befankl't, entangled.  
Begunk, disappointment.  
Behauden, indebted.  
Belyve, soon; by and by.  
Ben, in; within.  
Benmaist, innermost.  
Besturtit, troubled severely.  
Bickerin, wrangling; contention.  
Biddable, obedient.

Biddens, orders; injunctions.  
Bide, remain; await.  
Bield, shelter.  
Bien, comfortable.  
Bigg, to build.  
Biggin, a building; house.  
Biggit, built.  
Bin', bind.  
Bink, bench; bed.  
Binna, be not.  
Birr, with rattling vigour.  
Birse or Birsin up, to make a  
    challenging response.  
Birslet, scorched.  
Bittock, a small portion.  
Blabbin, talking indiscreetly.  
Blabbit, talked about in gossip.  
Blash, a gush or surge.  
Blate, bashful.  
Blear't, blurred in vision.  
Blethers, Bletherin, senseless  
    talk.  
Blink, a brief time.  
Blude, blood.  
Blythe, Blythesome, happy;  
    cheerful.  
Blythe-bidden, blessing; favour.  
Bode, bid; offer.  
Bodle, a small Scots coin.  
Boles, recesses.  
Bombaisement, abasement; hu-  
    miliation.  
Boo, to bow.  
Bouk, bulk.  
Brae, bank; face of a hill.  
Braid, broad.  
Brammles, brambles.  
Brangl't, shaken.  
Brattle, Brattlin, hurry with  
    clattering noise.  
Braw, goodly; handsome.  
Braws, goodly things in dress,  
    etc.  
Brawlic, exceedingly well.  
Brec, juice.  
Breidth, breadth.  
Breinge, a reckless rush.

Breistle, to thrust forward rashly.  
 Brocht, brought.  
 Broizle, to crush, oppress.  
 Brue, liking; appreciation.  
 Brunt, burned.  
 Buird, board; table.  
 Bummlin, acting with rashness and stupidity.  
 Bun', bound.  
 Bunemaist, uppermost.  
 Buskin, dress; adornment.  
 Buskit, equipped; adorned.  
 Byre, cow-house.

## C.

Cadger, hawkler.  
 Callan, boy.  
 Caller, cool; refreshing.  
 Camshauchle, churlish; ill-natured.  
 Camsteeirie, wilful; obstinate.  
 Canglin, quarrelling.  
 Cannie, quiet; gentle; judicious.  
 Cantie, cheerful; lively.  
 Capernoitit, spiteful.  
 Cark, anxiety.  
 Carl, man.  
 Cast-up, to taunt over the past.  
 Caunle, candle.  
 Caup, cup.  
 Causey, causeway; street.  
 Certes, certainly.  
 Chafts, cheeks.  
 Chaumer, chamber.  
 Cheaterie, *n.* or *a.* deception; deceptive.  
 Cheek . . . door, side of the door.  
 Chiel, youth.  
 Chitt'rin, shivering.  
 Chow, chew.  
 Chuckie-stanes, pebbles.  
 Claes, clothes.  
 Claivers, foolish gossipy talk.  
 Clamjamphry, questionable company.  
 Clankit, struck with a clanking sound.  
 Clap, *v.* to set down with decision.

Clarty, dirty.  
 Clash, a noisy fall.  
 Clash, Clashes, gossipy talk.  
 Claughts o' siller, large possessions eagerly clutched.  
 Claut, a quantity.  
 Clean, completely.  
 Cleed, to clothe.  
 Cleedin, clothing.  
 Cleek, to associate arm-in-arm.  
 Clippit, clipped; cut short.  
 Clish-clash, gossip.  
 Clishmaclaiver, a tattler.  
 Clishmaclaivers, tattler's tales.  
 Clitter-clatter, gossipy chatter.  
 Clour, *n.* a blow.  
 Clour, *v.* Clour't, to strike; stricken.  
 Clypin, tale-telling.  
 Cock-shair, excessively confident.  
 Collieshangie, a squabble.  
 Collogue, to consult or conspire together.  
 Come-guid, to be surety.  
 Come-ower, to induce.  
 Comius-an'-gauns, friendly intercourse.  
 Commaun, command.  
 Contramachious, cross-grained; cantankerous.  
 Contrar, to contradict, oppose.  
 Coof, fool.  
 Corbie, raven.  
 Correckins, corrections.  
 Cosie, comfortable.  
 Couthie, agreeable, kindly.  
 Cowp, to overturn.  
 Crabbit, sour-tempered.  
 Crack, *v.* and *n.* to converse; conversation.  
 Craikin, craving.  
 Crap, crop.  
 Craws, *v.* boasts; exults.  
 Creel, basket.  
 Creelfu', basketful; the whole lot.  
 Creeshie, greasy.  
 Crine, to shrivel away.  
 Crood, crowd.  
 Crookit, perverse.

Croon, crown. *The croon o' the causey*, the middle or highest part of the highway, *i.e.*, openly, with full credit and honour.

Croose, lively; bold; self-confident.

Crowdie, oatmeal mixed with water. *The gowk's crowdie*, the fool's deserts.

Cruisic, lamp.

Crunt, *v.* to deal a smart blow.

Cuist, Cuisten, cast.

## D.

Da, a doe.

Dac, do.

Daffin, frolic; sport.

Daiblin, dabbling; meddling with.

Daidle, to dawdle.

Dail, Dailins, deal, dealings.

Daith, death.

Daiverin, stupifying.

Dang, struck.

Darg, work.

Daud, *n.* a violent stroke.

Daud, Daudit, *v.* to strike with force.

Dauner, to walk leisurely.

Daur, to dare.

Daurin, daunting; intimidating.

Dawt, Dawtit, to fondle; fondled.

Deceiverie, deception.

Dee, to die.

Deid, dead.

Deid-mirk, deepest darkness.

Deid-set, fully determined.

Deid-siccar, positively sure.

Deif-luggit, deaf-eared.

Devald, cessation.

Dicht, to wipe; to sift—as corn.

*A dichtin through the threshin mill.*

Diddl't, tricked; cheated.

Ding, to strike.

Dinkit, neatly set off; ornamented.

Dirdum, quarrelsome disturbance.

Dirl, *n.* vibrating force.

Dirlin, violent.

Discomfish, discomfit.

Discreetness, discretion.

Divna, do not.

Donnart, stupid.

Door-cheek, side of door.

Dortie, saucy; easily offended.

Douce, sedate; well-behaved.

Dour, Doursome, obstinate; pertinacious.

Dowie, sad.

Dree, to endure.

Dreep, to drip.

Dreid, dread.

Driddles, acts slovenly.

Drook, to drench.

Droopit, weakly.

Drouth, thirst.

Drucken, drunken.

Drumlie, muddy.

Duds, clothes.

Dule, sorrow.

Dune, done.

Dunnerin, stunning.

Dunt, a stroke; thump.

Dwable, feeble; helpless.

Dwaum, faint; collapse.

Dwinin, wasting away.

Dwinnle, to dwindle.

Dykit-roun', encompassed; protected.

## E.

E'e, Een, eye, eyes.

Eechie nor ochie, neither one thing nor another.

Effeirin, in relation to.

Eftirhins, afterwards.

Eident, diligent.

Eik, *v.* to add.

Eik, *n.* an addition.

Eneuch, enough.

E'noo, even now.

Entrie, entrance.

Erran', errand.

Ether, adder.

Ettle, to intend, purpose, direct.



Ettlin, intention; design.  
 Even-doon, sincere; genuine.  
 Even-haundit, honest; honour-  
 able in action.

## F.

Faddom, to fathom.  
 Fae, foe.  
 Fand, found.  
 Fankle, to entangle.  
 Fanks, tangles.  
 Fash, *n.* and *v.* trouble; worry.  
 Fasherie o' fulcs, troublesome  
 ongoings.  
 Fause, false.  
 Faut, fault.  
 Fecht, fight.  
 Feck, the greater part or num-  
 ber. *Nae feck*, no consider-  
 able number.  
 Fecket, vest.  
 Feckless, weak; spiritless.  
 Fen', to defend.  
 Ferlies, wonders.  
 Fesh, to fetch.  
 Fettle, *n.* condition; fitness.  
 Fettle't, prepared, equipped.  
 Fit, foot.  
 Fit-pads, foot-paths.  
 Flane, arrow.  
 Flaucht, flash.  
 Fleck, *n.* and *v.* stain; discredit.  
 Fleg, *n.* and *v.* scare.  
 Fley, Fley't, to terrify; terrified  
 Flicher, to flutter.  
 Flinders, fragments.  
 Flyte, to scold.  
 Foondit, founded.  
 Foonds, foundation.  
 Forbye, besides.  
 Forebears, ancestors.  
 Forfeuchan, fatigued; exhausted  
 Fornent, in front of.  
 Forrit, forward.  
 Forritsome, presumptuous.  
 Fraise, to flatter.  
 Fremit, strange; stranger.  
 Fricht, fright.  
 Frute, fruit.  
 Fule, Fulish, fool, foolish.

Fashionless, feeble; insipid.  
 Fykie, fidgety; petulant.  
 Fyle, to defile.

## G.

Gab, mouth; tongue.  
 Gaed, went.  
 Gaipin, gaping.  
 Gaird, guard.  
 Gallivantin, gadding about.  
 Galore, abundance.  
 Galraivagin, riotous feasting.  
 Gane, gone.  
 Gang, Gangins, go; goings.  
 Gangrel, Gangeral, vagrant.  
 Gangs back on, forsakes.  
 Gar, to compel.  
 Gate, way.  
 Gaun, going.  
 Gausie, goodly; handsome.  
 Gawkie, foolish.  
 Gear, goods; treasure.  
 Geck, to scorn.  
 Gecker, a scorn.  
 Gey, Geyan, very, considerable,  
 severe.  
 Gibble-gabble, empty talk.  
 Gie, Gi'en, give, given.  
 Gin, if.  
 Girn, *n.* a trap, snare.  
 Girn, *v.* Girnin, Girn't, to en-  
 trap; entrapping; entrapped  
 Girnin, grumbling; querulous.  
 Girnial, meal-chest.  
 Glaikit, thoughtless, giddy-  
 headed.  
 Glaum, to grasp at.  
 Glaur, mud.  
 Gleg, sharp; eager.  
 Glify, a glimpse.  
 Glify o' life, a surprise sensation,  
 with the suggestion of a  
 gleam; a glow.  
 Glint, a glance.  
 Glisk, a glimpse.  
 Glisterin, glittering.  
 Glower, to stare.  
 Glunch, an angry frown; threat-  
 ening.  
 Gomeral, one foolish in speech.

Goupin, staring.  
 Gowd, gold.  
 Gowk, fool; simpleton.  
 Gowpen, two handfuls with the hands together.  
 Graith, *v.* to equip.  
 Graith, Graithin, *n.* equipment; array, dress.  
 Grec, the high degree; the prize  
 Greet, to weep.  
 Grein, to covet.  
 Gress, grass.  
 Grieve, overseer.  
 Growthie, luxuriant.  
 Grue, dislike; aversion.  
 Grun', ground. *The grun' o' his stomach*, the bottom of an empty stomach.  
 Grunzie, snout.  
 Grup, *n.* and *v.* grip.  
 Gruppit, gripped.  
 Guddle, muddle; disarrangement; dispersal.  
 Guzzle, to gormandise.  
 Gumption, sense; discretion.  
 Gustie, savoury; tasty.  
 Gutsy, gluttonous.

## II.

Hae, have.  
 Hag, Moss-hag, a hole or pit in a moss.  
 Haggis, a pudding (Scots).  
 Hainins, savings in hand.  
 Hairst, harvest.  
 Hait, a whit; a little; the least portion.  
 Haiver, to talk nonsense.  
 Hale, Halesome, whole, whole-some.  
 Hanks, coils; skeins.  
 Hansel, earnest fee; reward.  
 Hantle, much; a considerable quantity.  
 Hap, to hop.  
 Hap, to cover, shelter.  
 Happit, covered.  
 Hash, a bungle.  
 Haud, to hold.

Hauden, a holding; dwelling-place.  
 Haunles, handles.  
 Haunlin, treatment.  
 Haurl, to drag.  
 Hauvers, the half share.  
 Hechlin, in a panting hurry.  
 Heelic-golcerie, head over heels.  
 Heich, Heicher, high, higher.  
 Heichs, heights.  
 Heize, to leave.  
 Herry, to plunder, oppress.  
 He'se, he shall.  
 Het, hot.  
 Hiddlins, in secret.  
 Hidir-hole, a cunning hiding-place.  
 Hinna, have not.  
 Hinner-en', the conclusion.  
 Hinnie, honey.  
 Hinnie-kaim, honey-comb.  
 Hirplin, limping.  
 Hizzie, a giddy young woman.  
 Houp, hope.  
 Howe, hollow. *The howe o' his stomach*, an empty stomach.  
 Howif, meeting-place; shelter.  
 Howk, to dig.  
 Hoy, to call, appeal.  
 Hoyin, Hoyit, appealing, appealed.  
 Humplock, a heap.  
 Hunkers, in a squat position. *Doon on yer hunkers*, show humble submission. *Brocht to his hunkers*, reduced to straitened circumstances.  
 Hynde, a hind.

## I.

Ilk, Ilka, each, every.  
 Ill-airtit, wrong in direction or design.  
 Ill-deedie, evilly disposed; immoral.  
 Ill-faur't, ill-favoured; badly disposed.  
 Ill-scraperit tongue, abusive; ill-intentioned.  
 In-by, within.

In-gaun, entrance.  
 Ingle, fire.  
 Ingle-lowe, fire-blaze.  
 Inklin, a hint; insight; enlightenment.  
 Instrukins, instructions.  
 Intil, into.  
 In-ower, in towards.  
 I'se, I shall.

## J.

Jailousie, jealousy.  
 Jaloosin, suspicion.  
 Jawin, Jaws ower, surging or rushing copiously.  
 Jiffie, a moment; some short space of time.  
 Jimp, scarce; scant.  
 Jink, to evade.  
 Jirtit, jerked; dislocated.  
 Joggin, inciting; prompting.  
 Jookrie - pawkrie, deceptive tricks.  
 Jooks, dodges; escapes.  
 Jundie, a jostle; a passing thrust.

## K.

Kaim, comb.  
 Keckle, to cackle.  
 Keek, a peep.  
 Keekit, took a surveying look.  
 Ken, Kent, to know; known.  
 Kennin, knowledge.  
 Kennin, a small quantity or a slight degree. *A kenmin waur*, a degree worse.  
 Kenspeckle, conspicuous.  
 Kep, to catch, intercept.  
 Kevil, a lot. *To cast kevils*, cast lots.  
 Kilt (coats), to tuck up.  
 Kingryck, kingdom.  
 Kinnle, to kindle.  
 Kirnin, churning.  
 Knabbs, people of some social position.  
 Knowe-head, knoll-head; hill-top.  
 Kye, cows; cattle.

## L.

Laigh, low.  
 Laith, loth.  
 Lang-run, long-run; ultimate issue.  
 Lat, let.  
 Lauch, laugh.  
 Laudit, praised.  
 Lave, the others remaining.  
 Laverock, lark.  
 Lay-by, to place in store.  
 Leal, loyal; true.  
 Leamin, gleaming.  
 Leer, liar.  
 Lee-some, untrue.  
 Leggit, walked hurriedly.  
 Licht, light.  
 Lichtlie, to slight, disparage.  
 Lift, the sky.  
 Liltin, singing.  
 Limmer, worthless woman.  
 Lippen, Lippenin, to trust; trusting.  
 Lippin fu', full to the brim.  
 Lo'e, to love.  
 Loof, palm of hand.  
 Loon, fellow.  
 Loopie, deceptive.  
 Loopit, looped.  
 Lounder, *n.* sharp stroke.  
 Lounder, *v.* Lounder't, to beat severely.  
 Lowin, blazing.  
 Lown, Lownness, calm, calmness  
 Lown-hairtit, humble.  
 Lowse, loose.  
 Lowse-tongued, of unrestrained speech.  
 Lug, ear.

## M.

Mailin, rent of farm.  
 Mair, more.  
 Man', manage.  
 Maun, must.  
 Maundrels, silly tales.  
 Mauvers, foolish talk.  
 Mell, to meddle, interfere.  
 Mense, discretion.  
 Micht, might.

Mids, midst.  
 Mint, to aim, design.  
 Mirk, *n.* and *a.* darkness, dark.  
 Mishanter, misfortune.  
 Mislippen, neglect.  
 Morn, *The Morn*, to-morrow.  
 Moss-hag, a hole or pit in a moss.  
 Moulins, crumbs.  
 Mullerin, crumbling.  
 My certes, certainly.

## N.

Nabbit, caught.  
 Nackie, clever; dexterous.  
 'Neth, Aneth, beneath.  
 Neuk, corner.  
 Niffer, barter; exchange.  
 Nirl, small portion.  
 Nocht, nothing.  
 Noos-an'-thans, now and then.  
 Nowte, cattle.

## O.

Ocht, anything.  
 On-ding, the on-coming.  
 Ongaun, conduct.  
 'Oor, hour.  
 Oot-an'-oot, entirely.  
 Oot-gaun, out-going.  
 Oot-ower, over; across; out from.  
 Ootral, stranger, outsider.  
 Orra, odd; secondary.  
 Orts, refuse; of secondary quality.  
 Overlie, overmuch; excessively.  
 Ower-by, over near.  
 Owrie, bleak; chilly.

## P.

Pad, path.  
 Paikin, punishment.  
 Pang, cram.  
 Parritch, porridge.  
 Pat, a pot.  
 Pat-luck, pot-luck.  
 Pey, pay.  
 Pickle, a few; small quantity.

Pigs an' whusses, to rack and ruin.  
 Pith, strength; vigour.  
 Plaiden, woollen cloth.  
 Plash o' rain, heavy fall of rain.  
 Plenish't, furnished.  
 Pliskie, predicament.  
 Ploppit, toppled.  
 Ploy, plot; scheme.  
 Pock, Pockfu, bag, bagful.  
 Pooch, pocket.  
 Pook, Pookit, to despoil; despoiled.  
 Poortith, poverty.  
 Pree, to taste.  
 Preen, a pin.  
 Prog, to prick.  
 Pruiif, proof.  
 Pushion, poison.  
 Pyke, pick.

## Q.

Quait, Quaiten, quiet, quieten.  
 Quat, quit; cease.  
 Quo', quoth.

## R.

Racket, ado; noisy fuss.  
 Raik, to rove, prowl.  
 Raip, rope.  
 Rale, real.  
 Rampagin, violent action.  
 Ramstam, rashly.  
 Rantin, boisterous; unrestrained  
 Rax, to reach.  
 Raxin-haun, kind-handed.  
 Reamin, frothing full to overflowing.  
 Redd, to clear, set in order, disentangle.  
 Red-skinklin, red-sparkling.  
 Reek, smoke.  
 Reislin, striking heavily.  
 Reiver, robber.  
 Remeid, remedy.  
 Repruif, Repruives, reproof, re-proves.  
 Richt-kennin, knowledge.  
 Riggin, ridge of roof.  
 Rink, to arrange around.

Rinkit, encircled.  
 Rippet, contention; brawl.  
 Rock-an'-tow, the distaff and thread for spinning.  
 Rook, to dispossess, despoil.  
 Roupin, selling by auction.  
 Routh, plenty.  
 Rowin, rolling.  
 Rowte, to roar.  
 Rung, a heavy stick.  
 Runle, the course of a stream.  
 Rute, Rutit, root, rooted.

## S.

Saicond-fiddle, secondary place.  
 Sair, sore.  
 Sairch, search.  
 Saunt, saint.  
 Saw, *n.* a saying; a proverb.  
 Saw, Sawn, to sow; sown.  
 Scabbit, mean; contemptible.  
 Scafferie, extortion; bribery; any unjust method of procuring money.  
 Scart-free, unscratched, unharmed.  
 Seaur, *n.* and *v.* scare.  
 Schulin, schooling.  
 Scowther, to scorch.  
 Seran, a find; some valued acquisition.  
 Screigh o' day, break of day.  
 Serimp, Scrimpit, scant.  
 Scriven, written.  
 Scud, a beating; chastisement.  
 Seunner, disgust.  
 Seepin, oozing; percolating.  
 Servitor, servant.  
 Shair, sure.  
 Shanks, legs.  
 Shauchle, Shauchlin, to slouch; slonching.  
 Sheuch, ditch.  
 Shin-banes, ankle-bones.  
 Shindie, quarrel; brawl.  
 Shooglie, shaking; unsteady.  
 Shouthers, shoulders.  
 Shune, shoes.  
 Shunners, cinders.

Shuppen, shaped.  
 Sic, Sic-like, such.  
 Siccan, such an.  
 Siccar, Siccarlie, sure; securely.  
 Siller, silver; money.  
 Sinder, to sunder.  
 Sindry, separate.  
 Sirss! Sirs!  
 Skail, scatter; spill.  
 Skailin, over-flowing.  
 Skaith, injury; disaster.  
 Skaithless, free from harm.  
 Skance, a scanning look.  
 Skedaidle, take the road away.  
 Skelp, a slap with the hand.  
 Skinklin, sparkling.  
 Sklent, to slant.  
 Slaiger, an unseemly daub.  
 Slaigerin, besmearing.  
 Slauchter, slaughter.  
 Sleekie, sly.  
 Slidry, slippery; wheedling.  
 Slocken, to quench thirst.  
 Slots, bars.  
 Slysters, uninviting mixtures.  
 Smachrie, trashy; dishonest.  
 Smeddum, sagacity; vigour.  
 Smit, to pollute; infect.  
 Smoor, to smother.  
 Snarre, severe.  
 Snash, abuse.  
 Sneck, *v.* to close—*snecks his gab.*  
 Sneck, *v.* to enclose—*sneckit in airns.*  
 Sneck, *v.* to snick, cut with a quick stroke—*sneckit aff.*  
 Sned, Sneddit, to lop off; lopped off.  
 Sneistic, surly.  
 Snell, sharp; harsh.  
 Snirts, sniggers over; ridicules.  
 Snod, tidy; trim.  
 Snoozlin, breathing heavily.  
 Snowk, to pry around.  
 Snyte, a smart blow.  
 Sonsie, well-conditioned.  
 Soo, pig.  
 Soop, Soopit, to sweep; swept.  
 Soor, Soors, sour; embitters.

Sorner, a mean and injurious parasite.  
 Sornin, living by contemptible methods.  
 Soss, a fall—heavy and flat: *a sossin tumble.*  
 Sotterin, boiling slowly.  
 Spak, spoke.  
 Spang, a measured limitation.  
 Spate, a flood.  
 Specl, to climb.  
 Spcir, to ask.  
 Splairge, to bespatter.  
 Sprauchlin, sprawling.  
 Spulyiet, despoiled.  
 Spunkie, plucky; ardent.  
 Staiver, to walk heedlessly.  
 Stamack, stomach.  
 Stance, station; standing-place.  
 Stap, to thrust, to cram.  
 Staucher, to stagger.  
 Stech, to fill, to surfeit.  
 Steek, *n.* a stitch; a restraint—  
*a steek in his crack.*  
 Steek, *v.* to shut.  
 Steer, stir.  
 Steive, strong; steadfast.  
 Stentit, stretched out.  
 Still-an'-on, yet.  
 Stoiter, to stagger.  
 Stoop, support.  
 Stoor, dust.  
 Stottin, rebounding.  
 Stown, stolen.  
 Stramash, disturbance.  
 Straucht, straight.  
 Straucht forrit, straight forward.  
 Straucht-gaun, straight-going.  
 Stravaigiu, wandering aimlessly.  
 Streckit, stretched.  
 Strinkle, to sprinkle.  
 Struissle, to struggle.  
 Strunt, to strut.  
 Sturt, trouble; vexation.  
 Sumph, a simpleton.  
 Suthfast, steadfast; true.  
 Swatch, a sample. *Took a swatch o't,* surveyed the sample provided.

Swee, *n.* and *v.* swing.  
 Sweirt, unwilling.  
 Swick, eager in deceptive courses.  
 Swither, *v.* and *n.* to hesitate; hesitation.  
 Swurd, sword.  
 Swyke, to sway, to induce injuriously.  
 Swype, a sweeping stroke.  
 Syne, since; then.

## T.

Ta'en, taken.  
 Taigle, to tarry; to hinder.  
 Tait, a small portion or quantity  
 Taiver, to bewilder, embarrass.  
 Tantrums, high airs; pretensions.  
 Tap, top.  
 Tap, a top used by boys in play.  
*As soun's a tap,* expressive of a sound sleep.  
 Tapsalteerie, topsy-turvy.  
 Tawpie, a sluggish, senseless person.  
 Tawse, instrument of correction.  
 Tellin, an injunction.  
 Tent, heed; attention.  
 Tentie, attentive; careful.  
 Thac, these. -  
 Thirl, to bind, enthrall.  
 Thocht, thought.  
 Thole, to bear, endure.  
 Thoom, thumb.  
 Thort, Athort, athwart.  
 Thowless, feeble; inert.  
 Thrang, busy.  
 Thrangness, active exertion.  
 Thrapple, throat.  
 Thrawart, perverse; cross-tempered.  
 Threip, to allege, assert.  
 Ticht, tight.  
 Tilt't, to it.  
 Tint, lost.  
 Tirl, *Tirls at the hairt,* to make persistent tapping for entrance.

Tirl, *Tir't tapsalteerie*, to tilt, invert.  
 Tirlie-wirlies, ornamentation.  
 Tirrivee, a fit of passion.  
 Tocher, dowry; endowment.  
 Toom, to empty.  
 Tow, the fibres of flax or lint spun into threads; a rope.  
 Traik, to range about.  
 Trantles, trifles, frivolities.  
 Tranchle, *n.* travail; severe toil or trouble.  
 Trauchle, *v.* to put to the strain; to overburden.  
 Tribble, trouble.  
 Troke, to traffic.  
 Trow, to trundle.  
 Trow-rowin, rolling.  
 Tryst, *n.* a pledge undertaken.  
 Tryst, *v.* to make a solemn compact.  
 Tummle, tumble.  
 Tyne, to lose.

## U.

Ugsome, disagreeable; repulsive.  
 Unbekent, unknown; unwittingly.  
 Unchaney, risky.  
 Unco, uncommon, extraordinary.  
 Uncolie, in a great degree.  
 Unsteek, to open.  
 Uphaud, to uphold.  
 Uphauden, upheld; upholding.  
 Upheize, to uplift.  
 Upsettin, presumption.

## V.

Vauntie, proud.

## W.

Waal, well. -  
 Wad, Wadna, would, would not.  
 Wad, *v.* and *n.* pledge.  
 Wae, Waesome, woe, woeful.  
 Waff, whiff; puff.  
 Waird, ward.  
 Wale, *n.* choice.  
 Wale, *v.* to choose.

Wallet, purse.  
 Wamefu', bellyful.  
 Wammle, stupor.  
 Wantin, lacking.  
 Warple, to surround, involve, entangle.  
 Warsle, Warslin, struggle.  
 Wastrie, waste.  
 Wat, wot; know.  
 Waucht, large draught.  
 Wauken, waken.  
 Waun'ers, wanders.  
 Waur, worse.  
 Weal, welfare.  
 Wechts, weights.  
 Weird, fate; destiny.  
 Weise, to beguile.  
 Wey, way.  
 Whang, to cut off in large portions.  
 Wheen, a few.  
 Wheel, a whit.  
 Wheetic-whautie! a mere trifle!  
 Wheinge, to fret, complain.  
 Whittle, knife.  
 Whuff, whiff.  
 Whumple, to turn upside down.  
 Whussles, whistles. *Doesna care a whussle*, not care in the least.  
 Wimplin, purling.  
 Winnock, window.  
 Withhaud, withhold.  
 Wormwad, wormwood.  
 Wrocht, wrought.  
 Wyse-sayin, a maxim of wisdom.  
 Wyte, *n.* and *v.* blame.

## Y.

Yaffin, peevish; petulant.  
 Yaumerin, complaining.  
 Yerlane, yourself alone.  
 Ye'se, you shall.  
 Yett, gate.  
 Yirrin, fretting.  
 Yirth, earth.  
 Yoke, to associate.  
 'Yont, Ayont, beyond; along.  
*Gang yont yer ain gate.*

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